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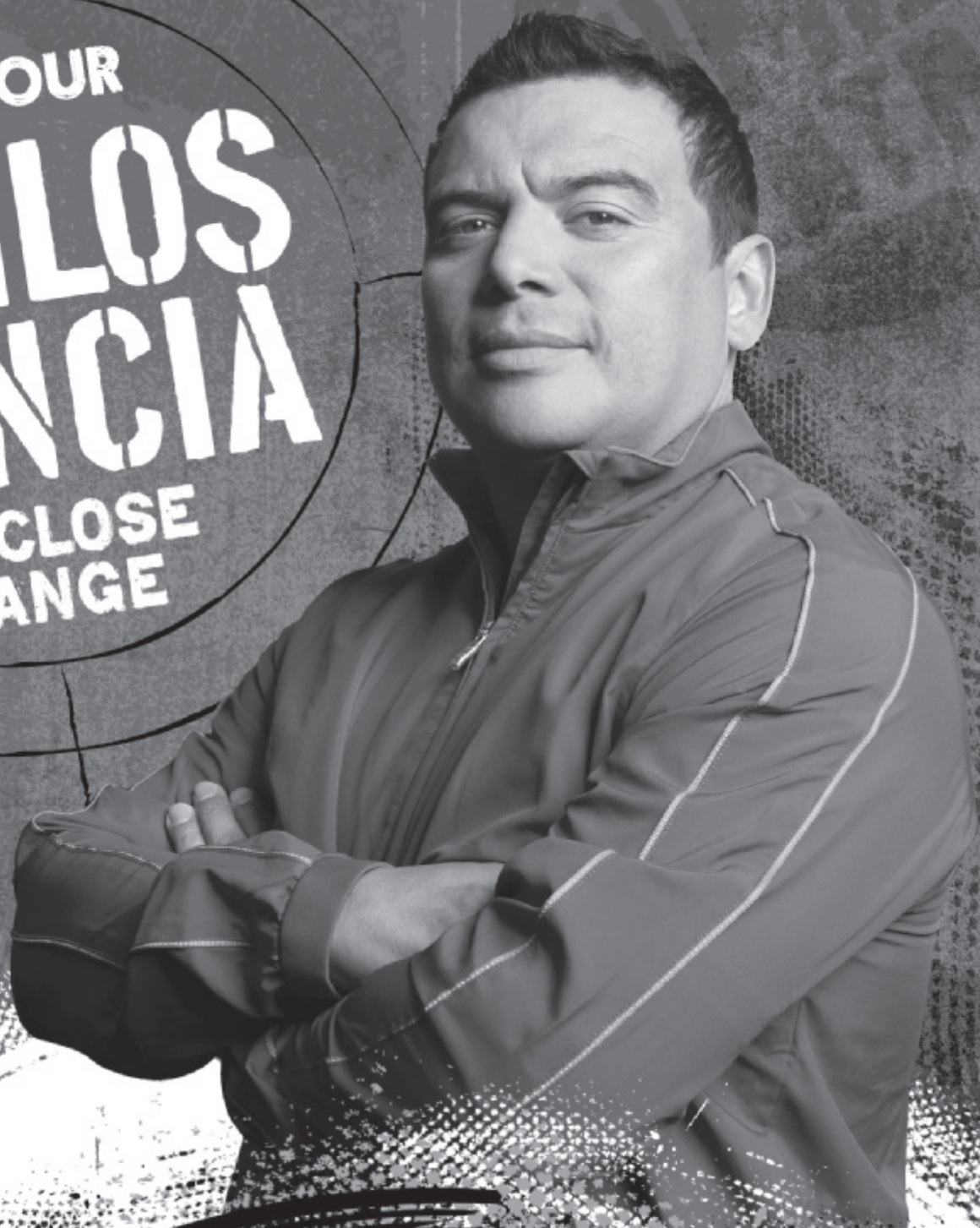
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EARACHE!: Wilco's two-night stand, TEJAS and its incoming CHAOS, and much more

PICTURE IN PICTURE: VHS, I CAN'T QUIT YOU, and an Xbox 360 lament

CHRONIQUE: Stylin' and profilin' with our IMPROBABLE DESIGN blog

Chronic is now your one-stop blog shop for buzz on politics, sports, music, film, television, gaming, technology, design, gay stuff, and – do we even need to say it? – opinion. Our blogs as you knew them still exist, but now all posts will also feed into one crazy mash-up – newest on top, just like you like it.

THE GAY PLACE: DON'T GET SICK IN MICHIGAN, FAGGOT. Plus: The build up to Pride 2008 is palpable. You can just taste it.

NEWSDESK: Election-night party hangover, we have a run-off, and REEFER MADNESS' BONG HITS from beyond the grave

THE SCORE: ALL THINGS AZTEX, and more sports blatherings and whatnot from here and afar

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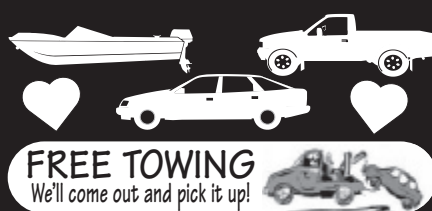
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Spin and Cinema

An understanding of the U.S. Constitution by way of Robert Thom

BY LOUIS BLACK

“And my dinner partner: ‘My name is Rita Hayworth.’
What sound do I make? A dying fall?
‘I was a movie star once.’
Clear one’s throat? A sign?

Drink fast, Kid!
Think later.

‘Jennifer says you’re a genius.’
‘Yes, I am.’ Did I say that?
‘I was married to a genius once.’
Another swallow.
‘His name was Orson Welles.’

Drain the glass.

‘He was a director.’
And someone else’s line comes back:
‘In the event of a divorce, who would get custody of the
anecdotes?’

Ruth?
Gar?”

— Robert Thom,

“FOUR: MARCH 18, 1977: Dinner at Eight and Money
(Part One) and Suicides in Passing,” *Sins of Cinema*

The maze that I am stuck in, where I can’t even see the light
of any entrance or exit, is where I have been stuck for the longest
time. The maze reflects this problem:

The government of the United States of America, a country
of roughly 300 million people, is a democratic constitutional
republic. It is not a democracy, but it is democratic. The people
elect the country’s leaders. A republic is a government of laws,
not men. In a democratic constitutional republic, the will of the
people is important, but the government is structured by the
Constitution in a way intended not to allow majority rule except
when it is assured that the rights of minorities are protected. A
republic and a democracy are identical in every aspect except one.
In a republic, sovereignty lies in each individual person. In a
democracy, the sovereignty is in the group. The Constitution can
trump the whim and the will of the people.

The U.S. Constitution is misread almost as much as it is
read. Its core is not guaranteeing the power of the people or
reinforcing the dominance of a set of ideas. Instead, it is the
acceptance and approval of constant political bickering. The
constitutional blueprint is in service of compromises reached
through passionately partisan disagreements and debates. Even
though compromise is often necessary and sometimes even the
best possible solution, this fact does not argue that all
compromises are inherently positive.

On the other hand, “compromise” is not a dirty word,
though it seems to have become one in the views of too many
citizens. Uncompromising, single-issue vetting of all who
hold political office is a cancer to this constitutional republic.
Myopic citizens who are fanatically focused on single issues
(like animal rights, guns, abortion, education, immigration,
gay marriage), no matter which side they are on, are among
the most steadfast opponents of our constitutional form of
government, whether they believe that or not.

The government trumpets no ideology except the notion
that too much power centered in one group over too long a
period of time is not good for the country. It is designed to
move slowly as well as to drift back and forth on issues. Major
changes are difficult to accomplish, and changing political
direction is relatively easy.

The idea behind a republic is that every individual is
theoretically empowered, so that each and every person’s
opinion should have weight. On many levels this is practical
and is working, but on many others it is not. In a country of
300 million, individual liberty is going to be hindered,
without intention, simply by the numbers. All too often
logistic problems caused by having so many empowered
people are labeled as intentional government intrusions.

The drafters were well aware that there was not just one,
holy, lit-by-God right way. The Constitution knows that
governmental confusion, voter dissatisfaction, political
controversy, and citizen discontent are basically permanent
conditions. It does not encourage those things, but it does
take them into account. At its best, when our constitutional
republic is functioning at peak efficiency, much of the
population still feels underrepresented and generally
alienated. When every citizen has the expectation of full
representation, his or her actual impact is lessened.

“Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts,
and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that
did not commit suicide.”

— John Adams,
second president of the United States

“A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where
fifty-one percent of the people may take away the rights
of the other forty-nine.”

— Thomas Jefferson,
third president of the United States
A government of laws, and not men, is one of those
ideas that is very acceptable and popular when expressed,
but when

actually encountered, its allure is severely dampened. Any
action, campaign, or ideological positioning done outside of
or in opposition to opinions of U.S. legal systems violates
the contract of the citizens of this country with the
Constitution. This is because inherently those kinds of
maneuvers privilege the values of individuals over the rule
of law. Currently, many argue that the government has
failed, so it is time for citizens to take matters into their
own hands. Others are pushing to clean up the
Constitution because they are certain that several
amendments shouldn’t have been passed. Now, if both
these activities happened within existing procedural
frameworks, that would be one thing. Inherent in a lot
of these types of arguments is the idea that things have
become so seriously screwed up, extraordinary measures
need to be taken. Since government is not science
(there being no quantifiable standards for the former),
activists urging action are prioritizing their sense of
things values, and opinions over the workings of the
government.

An argument can be made that the Declaration of
Independence condones just such activities. But clearly,
any such actions are in opposition to and destructive of
the Constitution.

Large numbers of people, from those who are
politically active to more disinterested citizens, have
taken to believing and declaring that the government is
hopelessly broken. Too often, when people – including
radicals of all extremes – talk of taking the government
back or another American revolution, they are insisting
that there needs to be change because they feel
disenfranchised. But at their base, they are privileging
their beliefs and perceptions over everyone else’s.

Consider how conservatives had long been up in
arms over their belief that mainstream media presents a
liberal bias. The advent of Fox News has made it clear
that the problem was the “liberal” part, because those
people turned out to be fans of bias – especially when
it is in sync with their own. It turned out that the last
thing those complaining wanted was improved news
reporting that tried harder to be fair and represent a
wider range of voices. Despite their rhetoric, they
actually wanted exactly the opposite: news that
reinforced their beliefs. The motto “Fair and Balanced”
is ironic, Fox News being anything but that – and the
viewers know it.

Consistent among the many groups that are so
disgruntled with our government that they want to
change it is that they all pay lip service to the U.S.
Constitution. Regularly, ideologues of all persuasions
argue that we need a return to constitutional values.
Except they don’t mean that, as the Constitution has
more or less taken us to where we are. Instead of
purporting that the government, being broken, has
drifted away from its constitutional anchor, what most
of these people are really saying is that the government
needs to be fixed to more closely represent their views.
The style of confused, inconsistent, and hesitant
governance mandated by the Constitution is the
problem.

This is not to argue that everything is going well.
When it comes to the election process, there are very
serious issues, ranging from outright fraud to
electronic voting machines that leave no traceable
trail. The move to demand that voters have IDs has a
lot more to

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do with disenfranchising Democrats than with illegal immigrants. Certainly, the 2000 fiasco in Florida clearly evidenced the many flaws in the system.

Still, given the size of the country and of the population; that there are still core racial, sexual, religious, and economic inequities (differences); and the vast spiderweb of entrenched special-interest and political groups, the problem may well be systemic rather than mendacious. Which does not mean we should accommodate problems but instead deal with them individually – rather than believe there is a magic-bullet cure.

“And James Light: Father to Son: ‘The only pleasure you ever gave me was when you travelled down my penis and into your mother’s womb.’

Sodden and hairy ape descending upon my children of the ladybug.

“As they were lowering my father’s casket into his grave, my god-mother said to my mother: ‘Well, at least you know where he’s sleeping now.’”

– Robert Thom,

“SIX: MARCH 20 AND 21, 1977: Buried Treasure (Before Embarking on *The Story of Harold*),” *Sins of Cinema*

The question has to be this: What can or would be done differently? Only if you really believe the electoral process, in every way, is being deliberately corrupted by evil people can you even propose massive, constructive change. Even then, any kind of attempted national reform would probably be only partially successful. If the problems with the electoral system are many and come from many different sources for many different reasons – from intentional to stupid, from corrupt to hapless – then how can it be changed? If the system were changed, maybe the exact same old problems wouldn’t reappear, but wouldn’t they be replaced by as many, or more, differ-

ent problems? Sure, some people have pie-in-the-sky visions, accompanied by their complete self-assurance that, because they are good and righteous forces facing evil, they will be able to institute a new, fair, functioning system.

Why do they think the government will work any differently if they are running it? All too often, when there is some kind of revolutionary change, the new guard, after overthrowing the old corrupt powers, leans toward a period of transition. And all too often, it ends up being not a period but a totalitarian style of government.

One can be very dissatisfied with every political, social, legal, and economic aspect of this country. But what kind of government do you really want: the rule of law or the rule of man? Stepping outside the process because of an overpowering gut feeling that something is catastrophically wrong is going from the Constitution and the rule of law to the rule of some people.

Claiming that our government has been knocked off course argues that, given the number of people, the geographic area, the intense partisan politics, states’ rights, and so on, it still should have been possible to have a beautiful, smooth-running electoral system. Party to this belief is the notion that things used to work better and be fairer but in the last few decades have gone to hell. Again, observations like that have far more to do with personal fantasy than any kind of accurate history. Women didn’t get the vote until the 1920s; minorities were prevented from voting in any number of ways until the 1970s. Powerful city and state political machines existed through most of the last century.

In fact, the current mass discontent probably has less to do with the failures of government and more with successful moves toward universal enfranchisement. The greater the number of people who feel – and, for the most part, are – empowered means there is a greater number of voices demanding to be heard and opinions demanding consideration by the system.

As always, a disclaimer here: This column attempts a broad, long-range view. Given the complete devastating failure of the Bush administration in almost every possible area – from international policy, the economy, protecting the Constitution, jobs, the environment, the dollar, and the unity of the American people, among many others – the current governmental situation is somewhat uniquely screwed up. The extent of the Bush administration failures argues against some of the assumptions expressed here. But in less than a year, there will be a new administration.

Now when I say the above, hardcore radicals of all ideological persuasions have been known to go near apoplectic at the notion that the government is not always hopeless, corrupt, and compromised. So, go apoplectic.

“When I asked Roddy McDowall what he thought of her performance in *Wild in the Streets*, a movie I wrote, re-edited and re-wrote and, yes, saved, in the cutting room (and which escorted Richard Nixon into The White House

thank you
Mayor Daley
and more below
doubtless)

he said: ‘Watching her is like watching an open boil,’ Not entirely without interest, one assumes.”

– Robert Thom,

“SIXTEEN: APRIL 12, 1977: My Deep and Abiding Hatred for Shelly Winters (My First Night on the 37th Floor at 15 West 72nd Street),” *Sins of Cinema*

The quotes are all from *Sins of Cinema*, a book-length poem by Thom, who was the scriptwriter for *Bloody Mama*; *Crazy Mama*; *Death Race 2000*; *Angel, Angel, Down We Go*; and *Wild in the Streets*. ■

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Coverage of Campaigns Weak

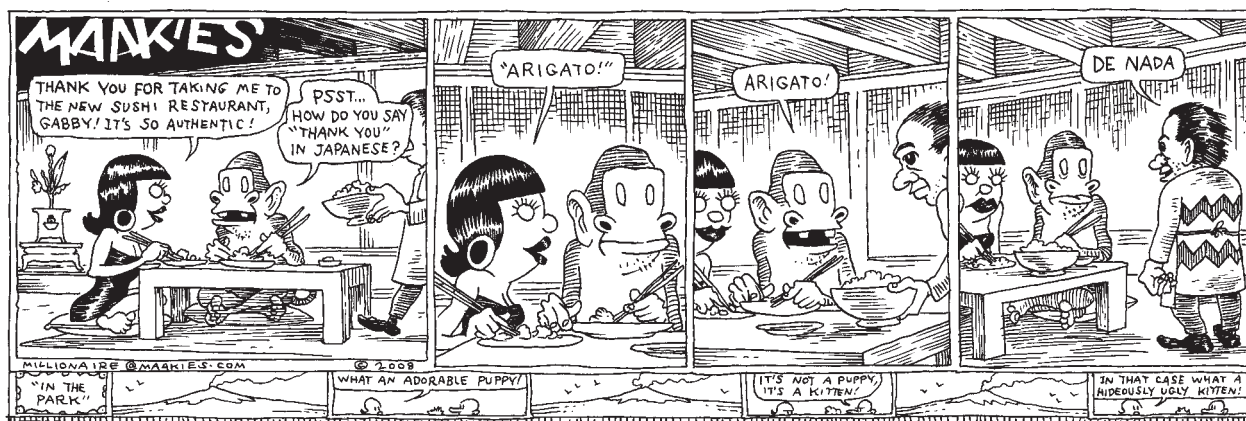
Dear Editor,

On Saturday, presumably to the surprise of no one who understands Austin voters, we had a total rout in Place 3. No doubt, some were surprised as we were surprised when Betty Dunkerley trounced Beverly Griffith and Louise Epstein blasted Sally Shipman. In Austin politics, success goes to those who go along. Admittedly, in this case, it may be for the best. Jennifer Kim was no Beverly Griffith.

Still, I am most unhappy with both the Shade campaign and the *Chronicle* coverage. Shade's campaign was quite simple. My opponent is a flake. I am competent. I believe basically what you believe, but frankly, my detailed positions on the issues are none of your damn business. If the argument for the first two statements is reasonable – and it is – Austin will buy it. However, the third line really does offend me.

I love the *Chronicle*. Louis is great, and Michael King is a treasure. However, many in your News division have no problems with outlandish statements and outright lies. Katherine Gregor spends half a page blasting Jennifer Kim for her negative campaign. Randi

Oops! The Gay Place in last week's Community Listings listed an incorrect date. The correct date for the Playoff Happy Hour is Sunday, May 18, 5pm at Oilcan Harry's. The *Chronicle* apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Shade ran a campaign based on the premise that the issues are not on the table, that it is all about personality.

Discussing Jennifer Kim's conduct was quite proper, but how can such a campaign be anything but nasty? And how could Kim possibly respond when Shade's positions were so unclear? This was a race that was going to get mean, but why do we have to point fingers about the meanness?

Finally, the Save Our Springs stuff was deplorable. Gregor and Wells Dunbar seem to not know what it was about. At the time, the environmentalists were much stronger than the developers. The meaningful resistance came from those who told us that if we went too far, the Legislature would take action against us. Shade's comments clearly put her with that resistance. The principals understand this; the *Chronicle* reporters apparently do not.

Raymond Heitmann

In last week's News feature, "The Revolution Will Not Be Motorized," a map key on p.36 listing city of Austin bike projects contained the wrong dollar amount of a federal grant for the construction of commuter showers. The correct amount is \$340,000. The *Chronicle* regrets the error.

It Does 'Imply'

Dear Austin Chronicle,

Louis Black and his lunch companion should take a basic course in statistics and probability, or at least look up "imply" in the dictionary, because correlation may indeed imply causation ["Page Two," May 9]. What it doesn't do is *prove* causation.

Sincerely,
Steve Jakab

Cyclists Need to Obey Laws

Dear Editor,

Cyclists need to take their *recreational sport* out of traffic and exercise better judgment as to where they wish to cycle. Most of the cyclists here anyway are not ones who bike to work, although some of them do. Most of them are sports enthusiasts who wear their little spandex outfits trying to be like Lance Armstrong, and they *still* do not adhere to the same traffic laws that motorists adhere to. I saw a spandex cyclist wearing a Starbucks double-espresso spandex outfit deliberately run a red light at 2222 and

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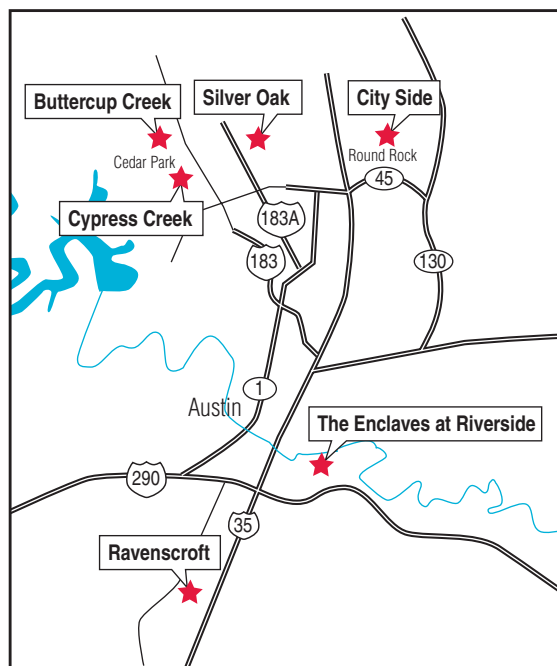


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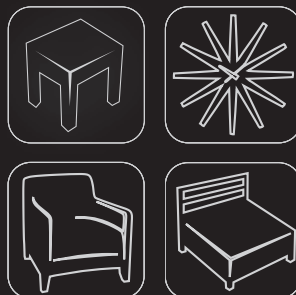
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Picking Up the Pieces

Campaigns end with a thunderclap and voters' whimpers

BY MICHAEL KING

Then came hail.

It was probably not an omen of the apocalypse that Saturday night's city election returns arrived accompanied by golf-ball-size ice cubes, but it was at least a sign we all could use another drink. The campaign parties buzzed steadily on into the muggy night, and one could be forgiven for wondering if the Houston suburbs, along with their saturated weather, had finally arrived in force.

What small lessons did we learn in this round? Probably the best news, at least in the short term, is that despite everything – and everything very much includes an often-bumbling school district – Austin voters still very much support the public schools, as all three bond propositions passed easily, including Proposition 3 that could arguably have earned opposition as nonemergency spending. The worrisome backstory, as the *Chronicle's* Richard Whittaker has reported, is that Props. 1 and 2 contained much that is either state-mandated or truly ordinary expenses, which should not require bonds (i.e., borrowed money) for funding – one more sign that the Legislature, under the flimsy disguise of “no new taxes,” continues to push public costs downward onto local taxpayers, even while it makes it more difficult for local authorities to raise money.

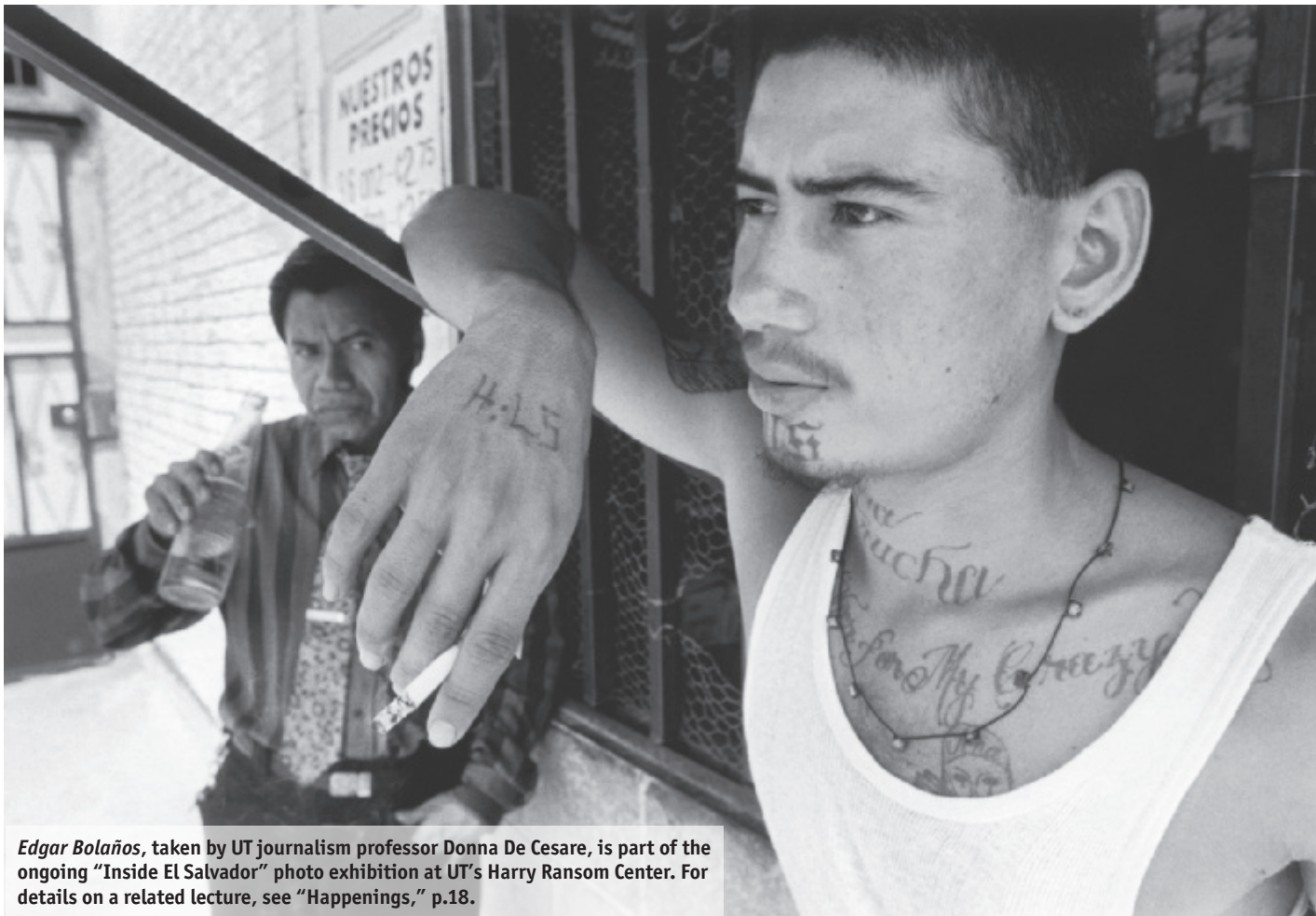
See, for egregious example, your next city budget.

The worst news, I suppose, was the dismal 9% turnout, in the wake of grand presidential primaries, caucuses, and conventions that seemed to suggest a new awakening in public political spirit. I had hoped for at least some spillover into the local races (especially after the explosion of candidate forums), but maybe those presidential numbers reflect only the local ratings for *The Daily Show*. It's at least arguable that the municipal elections have much more effective sway over daily lives than anything happening in D.C. – although in light of the last seven years, one can certainly understand the national electoral desperation. Here at the *Chronicle*, we're institutionally committed to thinking globally, reporting locally – but at 9%, it's worth wondering whether anybody's really paying attention.

Handicapping 'R' Us

Probably the most telling failure in that regard is the run-off now required for the Austin Community College trustee Place 1 election – estimated cost, \$400,000 –

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Edgar Bolaños, taken by UT journalism professor Donna De Cesare, is part of the ongoing “Inside El Salvador” photo exhibition at UT's Harry Ransom Center. For details on a related lecture, see “Happenings,” p.18.



JOHN ANDERSON

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I’m taking my mother for dim sum for Mother’s Day.”

– Council Member Jennifer Kim, on what she had planned after her May 10 election day loss to Randi Shade

HEADLINES

- ▶ Round one of the **city elections** closed Saturday, with an easy victory by Place 1 incumbent Lee Leffingwell, a more surprising romp by Place 3 challenger Randi Shade, and a June run-off to come in Place 4 between Laura Morrison and Cid Galindo. See p.24.
- ▶ The lame-duck **City Council** meets today (Thursday) with a light agenda, although perhaps some Hyde Park zoning fireworks. See “Beside the Point,” p.16, and “Density Debacle at 51st Street,” p.18.
- ▶ **Michael Levy**, the only publisher *Texas Monthly* has ever had (at 35 years, easily outlasting Tom Landry), announced his retirement Tuesday (effective Aug. 31), issued his fond hopes and tender regrets – and immediately got in a wrangle with the *Statesman* over inaccuracies in their report of the announcement. Say it ain't so, Mike!
- ▶ The Democratic **presidential primaries** continued with wildly mixed results but Barack Obama inexorably closing on an overall delegate victory. Next stops: Kentucky and Oregon, May 20.

NAKED CITY

- ▶ Move over McMansions, and make way for **alley flats**! The U.S. Green Building Council has recognized the University of Texas with an award for its innovative alley-flat program run out of the **Center for Sustainable Development**. Alley flats are small homes or work spaces (less than 850 square feet) that can be built along alleys on underutilized lots, are cost-efficient, and feature environmentally friendly design elements. These types of dwellings fit perfectly on so-called “underutilized” East Austin lots, where the

existing houses are small and sit on full-sized plots of land bordering alleys. The UT program is subsidizing the construction of two alley-flat prototypes. Go to www.thealleyflatinitiative.org for more information.

– Michael May

- ▶ With a somewhat uncharacteristic minimum of hyperbole, you can say the end of an era is here: **Mike Levy**, the outsized, outspoken founder and publisher of **Texas Monthly**, is stepping down from the magazine Aug. 31. “Simply put, the 35th anniversary of *Texas Monthly* in February prompted me to make a very personal and difficult decision,” Levy writes in a group e-mail. “I’m ready to turn the torch over to those who are here.” Levy founded *Texas Monthly* in 1973; he's remained publisher ever since, through the \$37 million, 1998 sale of the magazine to Emmis Broadcasting. Levy's also an irascible player in local politics, weighing in on City Council elections and, most famously, EMS response times. Leaving with Levy will be his longtime assistant, Pam Keller, who, Levy says, will assist him with the Meyer Levy Charitable Foundation and “establishing a consulting practice focused on marketing, and exploring community endeavors of interest to me.” Levy said of his retirement: “The most difficult part of all for me will be not being with the wonderful people here, the humanity of *Texas Monthly*. I guess I will never really ‘leave.’ I just won’t be here.”

– Wells Dunbar

- ▶ The **Austin Independent School District** has released preliminary results for the math portion of the **Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills** test taken by fifth and eighth graders on April 8. This is the first year that eighth graders must pass the math TAKS to be promoted, as well as fifth graders. Austin students have made improvements but still trail the state averages. Around 80% of Austin fifth graders passed

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because the voters failed to notice that one of the three balloted candidates had effectively withdrawn weeks earlier. Even if that figure is inflated (and I'm sure it is), that seat (Tim Mahoney vs. Harrison Keller, FYI) will be determined by a handful of voters at yet another remove from the educational details and more likely focused on the coincident City Council run-off. So it goes for ACC, where more and more of our young people are entering higher education and less and less is being provided by our state leadership. Happy property taxes, people!

As for that singular council run-off, I'm interested in seeing what happens in the campaign month ahead, because other than random blog shots, Laura Morrison and Cid Galindo have not really had to run against each other. Morrison, with a commanding lead across the city (see "Place 4 Handicapping,"

p.27), certainly has to be favored going in, but I can't help but recall Jennifer Kim's surprising 2005 run-off upset of Margot Clarke, overcoming a similar election-day deficit. Morrison's support is broad but potentially shaky, roping together disparate neighborhood interests with enviro absolutists and anti-toll-highway drum-beaters – it's not a slam dunk that Robin Cravey's voters will automatically gravitate to her. And if her misleading TV ad campaign – a mythical Mordor looming on Lady Bird Lake – doesn't get any better, there may well be backlash from voters already wary of widespread neighborhood NIMBYism.

Galindo, on the other hand, is still lesser-known across the city but will have deep pockets for TV and the more visible run-off support of the public-safety unions. He's been pounded as Republican-lite, and on the stump he often seems more policy-wonk than politician, with apparently little stomach for the showbiz aspects of campaigning. But I recently watched him stop cold a forum crowd decrying too much low-income housing in the neighborhood – instead of grabbing the bait, Galindo quietly and effectively pointed out

our shared moral responsibility to take care of the less fortunate. He shouldn't be underestimated, either by the Morrison campaign or the voters.

Take a Stand

Of course, I'd be remiss if I didn't point out that I'm not much of a prognosticator, having suggested in this space last week that the Place 3 race between Kim and challenger Randi Shade might be close enough for a run-off. I can take some comfort in saying that nobody I've talked to since foresaw the Shade landslide, which at 64% was large enough to indicate that it was essentially over before the campaign began. Rightly or wrongly, Kim had been identified with several major public missteps (even acknowledged in her own advertising), and despite the fact that Shade remains relatively unknown, voters seemed to have concluded early on, "Anybody but Kim."

It was understandable but disingenuous for her campaign to complain Saturday that a hostile media and a negative Shade campaign did Kim in, especially since the incumbent's campaign specialized in specific and misleading negative attacks that seemed instead to have backfired. When you lose by nearly 40 points, it's silly, not to

mention bad form, to blame the refs.

At that same forum in which Galindo pointedly declined the invitation to pander, Kim suddenly announced (as much of the audience wanted) that she now opposes the subsidies for the Domain, although as recently as December, she had voted, unanimously with her council colleagues, to oppose future retail subsidies but maintain existing agreements (i.e., the Domain). Along with her embarrassing personal miscues that made headlines, it was finger-in-the-wind politics like this (on Wal-Mart, on toll roads, on council pay, on the city manager, etc.) that undermined Kim's previous base and made her vulnerable to a challenger. It's a lesson the newly elected as well as next May's candidates should find reason to take to heart. ■

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BY WELLS DUNBAR

The Tobyocracy's diaspora continues.

First came Chief of Staff **Kristen Vassallo's** resignation last month. Then the impending departure of Assistant City Manager **Laura Huffman**. Now, a third high-level resignation from the ranks of the old power at City Hall: Human Resources Director **Cathy Rodgers** suddenly announced her retirement, effective May 12, after more than three decades with the city.

"Cathy Rodger's professionalism and expertise will be missed," wrote City Manager Marc Ott in a letter announcing her retirement. (You'd think he'd have a form letter for this thing by now.) "I'm sure you join me in thanking Cathy for her many contributions to our workforce and wish her success in the future." The city will also be thanking Cathy in a tangible financial fashion. According to *In Fact Daily*, Rodgers will use seven accumulated weeks of vacation and sick pay, then stay on "administrative leave" until the end of the year.

Like Vassallo and Huffman, Rodgers distinguished herself through fidelity to our last city manager, Toby Futrell. But during her time heading HR (the city's hiring and firing arm), she also clashed with the city employees' union over personnel disputes, performance reviews, and more. (For more on the turmoil that roiled HR, see "Inhuman Resources," Nov. 23, 2007.) **Jack Kirfman**, rep for the local chapter of the **American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees**, says, "I think that it shows that there really, clearly is a change in the air." Pointing to the string of management changes, he says it's "almost a paradigm shift from the way the organization was being run, from the last couple of years of Toby's tenure."

With Rodgers' abrupt departure, Ott upgraded HR Assistant Director **Karen Sharp** to acting director – with no word at press time whether he'll launch a national search, as he's done to fill Huffman's position. Additionally, with Fire Chief **J.J. Adame's** resignation under pressure, the search is on for a more proactive replace-

ment there. (Assistant Chief **Jim Evans** was named acting chief last week.) Additionally, last week Ott tapped **Anthony Snipes**, talent from Ott's Fort Worth days, as chief of staff to replace Vassallo. If it wasn't obvious before: Big changes are afoot with city management. "The potential, at least, for a more open, supportive organization is starting to sprout," says Kirfman. "Whether it will actually come to fruit, we'll see." □

The signs seem to be aligning: First a freak hailstorm erupts directly over my apartment on election day – which I was certain portended a shower of frogs and a **Jennifer Gale** victory in Place 4. Now the final coup de grâce – a City Council agenda that's only 35 items deep. Truly the seventh seal has been pried apart.

That's not to say there's nothing of substance buried in today's agenda, Thursday, May 15: Council confirms Jim Evans as acting fire chief, and the blogosphere-buzzed battle between transit advocates and Hyde Park residents over the lack of pedestrian connectivity in a **51st Street** project beside UT's intramural fields erupts in its final reads before council (see p.18). Plus, a 6pm public hearing on tweaking development regulations in the **McMansion Ordinance** should entertain. Once again, the heavy lifting occurred the day before, Wednesday, in council's third **budget work session**, this one tackling General Fund departments like – everyone's favorites! – Police, Fire, and EMS. Keeping with the trend, council has penciled in another work session next Wednesday, May 21.

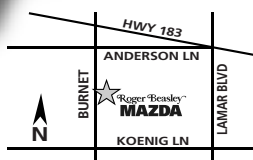
Lastly, congratulations to former Council Member **Raul Alvarez**, who won a seat on the Austin Community College board of trustees rather handily. (Better have, as he was running unopposed.) Our best wishes to Alvarez, who's seemingly succeeded in finding a more wonkish, thankless office than his last one. ■

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► Pictured here is just a sample of the estimated 1,200 magnets collected off the 10,000 refrigerators and freezers that have been recycled through Austin Energy's **Refrigerator Recycling Program**. The utility started the program in 2005 to remove old, energy-hungry appliances from Austin homes and has reached the 10,000-fridge benchmark six months earlier than expected. Customers receive a \$50 rebate per appliance through the program, and AE picks the machines up itself before bringing them to the Appliance Recycling Centers of America facility, which can recycle up to 98% of an appliance and ensures safe disposal of the potentially toxic refrigerants. Sadly, the *Guinness Book of World Records* doesn't give an award for biggest fridge-ornament collection, but the program – apparently unfazed by lack of recognition – continues to rack up impressive stats, including 1,000 tons of metal and 4,000 pounds of refrigerants salvaged, plus 9.2 million kilowatt-hours of energy saved (cutting carbon-dioxide production by 5,968 tons). The program has already recycled 90 more appliances just since hitting the 10,000 target on May 6 and is on track to recycle its 20,000th unit by 2011 – a year ahead of schedule. To arrange for your own fridge pickup, call 800/452-8685 or see www.austinenenergy.com. – Richard Whittaker

the test, compared to 83% statewide. The gap is about the same for eighth graders, with 71% passing locally compared to 75% statewide. Still, it's perhaps unfair to compare Austin to the state as a whole. AISD is an urban school district educating students that are increasingly coming from low-income households and speaking English as a second language. Around 1,200 students will retake the test on May 13. – M.M.

BEYOND CITY LIMITS

► In a story that sounds like a chapter from Wild West history, Austin businessman **Jeffrey Scott Hawn** is facing criminal charges over the **slaughter of 32 bison** in Colorado, after the privately owned animals wandered onto his land. Colorado has an open-range law that prohibits the killing of another farmer's livestock just for trespassing, so on May 8, Park County District Court Judge Stephen A. Groome issued a warrant for Hawn's arrest. In its affidavit, the Park Co. Sheriff's Office claims that Hawn recruited 14 hunters to shoot the bison, valued altogether at \$77,000. Their carcasses were left to rot where they fell; corpses were found on the Hawn ranch as well as neighboring properties, including federal property owned by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. During postmortems, seven of the bison were found to be pregnant. Hawn faces a total of 34 felony counts: one each of theft and criminal mischief and 32 (one per bison) of aggravated cruelty to animals. Hawn surrendered himself to the Park Co. sheriff on May 9 and has been released on \$15,000 bail. The Park Co. District Attorney's Office has not decided whether it will press charges against the hunters. – R.W.

► Web radio fans, beware: A proposed amendment to the **Internet Radio Equality Act** could determine the fate of Internet radio. "This amendment sets webcasting royalties at the same level as those paid by satellite radio, which would compensate musicians fairly and allow web radio to survive," wrote Pandora Radio founder Tim Westergren in a recent e-mail encouraging listeners to call their legislators. The amendment will be considered by the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Thursday, May 15. Sen. **John Cornyn** sits on the committee, so Texas radio fans are calling his office (202/224-2934) to ask him to support the amendment, which has been opposed by the Recording Industry Association of America. "As a young industry, we do not have the lobbying power of the RIAA," wrote Westergren. "You, our listeners, are by far our biggest and most influential allies." For more info, visit www.savenetradio.org. – Katherine Gregor

► Texas could generate more than twice the amount of electricity it currently uses through readily available "**concentrating solar**" technology, according to a new report from Environment Texas, "On the Rise: Solar Thermal Power and the Fight Against Global Warming." Concentrating solar power generates elec-

tricity by using mirror configurations to convert the sun's energy into high-temperature heat capable of powering steam engine generators. "Solar thermal power is ready for prime time," said Environment Texas Director Luke Metzger recently. "With support from policy-makers, Texas could quickly get much of its energy from this abundant and clean domestic energy source at prices competitive with new nuclear or 'clean coal' power plants." According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, solar resources in the Southwest alone could potentially generate more than six times current U.S. electricity use, using land roughly equivalent in size to areas set to be strip-mined for coal. The report calls for state and federal policy-making cooperation – including Texas Public Utility Commission approval of new power lines to West Texas – on installing 80 gigawatts of concentrated solar power by 2030, which the report claims would power 25 million homes and create up to 140,000 permanent jobs. For more info, see www.environmenttexas.org. – Dan Mottola

► On Mother's Day, **Jay Bakker**, the preacher son of Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker, brought a group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender families to worship at the largest megachurch in the U.S., Houston's Lakewood Church, home to the nationally renowned evangelical **Joel Osteen**. After the service, Bakker met privately with Osteen as part of the **American Family Outing**, a nationwide fellowship effort aimed at creating open, peaceful dialogue between LGBT families and members of six American megachurches. Afterward, Bakker complimented Osteen for being "kind and courteous," but he said, "Our conversation indicated that they do not share our convictions and that Lakewood Church is not yet ready for an open dialogue with LGBT families." Osteen did speak with Austin's Steven Wright, a real-life gay dad, who said to Osteen, "A man with a strong voice such as yourself could, without endorsing or opposing us and with very few words, make life much safer for GLBT individuals and our children and families in the Christian community in this country." Indeed a man of few words (but many teeth), Osteen succinctly replied, "I will take those words to heart and reflect on them." Time will tell. – Kate Getty



Joel Osteen, "Not yet ready for an open dialogue with LGBT families"

► May is National Asthma Awareness Month. So, if you're not already wheezing from the allergies or pollution in the air, take note of how many Texans around you suffer from the illness. An estimated 1.5 million adults and 389,000 children in Texas have asthma, and they spent a whopping \$1.3 billion dollars on hospital visits for the condition. The Asthma Coalition of Texas just issued a **Texas Asthma Plan** to begin to control the problem. The report notes the role that air pollution has in exacerbating asthma but stops short of proposing a way to improve the air in traffic-choked urban areas or industry-heavy Gulf Coast towns. Instead, there's a series of proposals for ways that government can determine the extent of the problem, educate the public, and improve access to health care for Texans. It's not going to stop the wheezing, but it's a start. – M.M.

CITY HALL HUSTLE

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From partying with Will Wynn to chillin' with Allen Demling, City Hall Hustle bum-rushes the election night parties in a politico-packed election special you (and our elected officials) won't soon forget. Peep "Poppin' E: Election Reception Roundup," this Thursday, featuring Wynn, Lee Leffingwell, Randi Shade, Laura Morrison, Cid Galindo, and many, many others, hosted by the City Hall Hustler himself, Wells Dunbar. Do it vloggy-style, only at austinchronicle.com/hustle.

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Density Debacle at 51st Street

What started as a low-profile zoning case for a residential development in Central Austin is now a three-way controversy, involving not only the adjacent neighborhood and the developer but also bicycle activists, who’ve been chiding the powerful **Hyde Park Neighborhood Association** for demanding that the developer restrict bicycle and pedestrian access on an existing street connecting the project and the neighborhood. The proposed development, which won initial approval from City Council last month, is scheduled for a final vote today (Thursday, May 15), but a new wrinkle in the agreement between HPNA and the developer, San Antonio-based **Commercial Investment Services**, may force a postponement to allow continuing negotiations.

Prohibiting both vehicular and bike/ped access on a stretch of East 50th Street is part of an original agreement hammered out between the neighborhood and CIS over several months. While the Planning Commission opposed the project’s intent to restrict access to cyclists and pedestrians, city staff took no position on that aspect of the agreement. But council’s public airing of the prohibition at its April 24 meeting touched off a spate of angry blog postings and e-mails among bike/ped advocates. Many critics believed the council’s action was contrary to the city’s goals for diverse transportation modes, while some suggested the agreement smacked of neighborhood elitism. But the provision was presented as a compromise between neighbors and the project’s developer to address concerns about parking overflow onto Rowena Street, which lacks sidewalks and is already crowded with parked cars. The development site – currently owned by Texas Parks & Wildlife and occupied by the agency’s Game Warden Training Academy – has never been zoned by the city, but now requires zoning allowing for multifamily use.

Now there’s a new twist. Last week, the HPNA rescinded its support for the proposed development over concerns about parking, traffic impact, and increased flooding of nearby Waller Creek. With the agreement off the table, the developer is now considering scrapping previous concessions to neighbors and instead moving to finalize zoning at today’s council meeting.

While the access dispute may seem to reflect an atypical set of circumstances, it illustrates what are sure to be increasingly typical points of contention over more density in urban neighborhoods. The fact that council bowed so quickly to a neighborhood’s demands, ignoring recommendations by the Planning Commission to allow for bike/ped access, raises concerns over whether density-shy Central City neighborhood associations can discourage efforts to curb sprawl. The concern is that Hyde Park’s apparent NIMBY reaction would cause the project to resemble an oversized suburban cul-de-sac, with busy 51st Street as its only access.

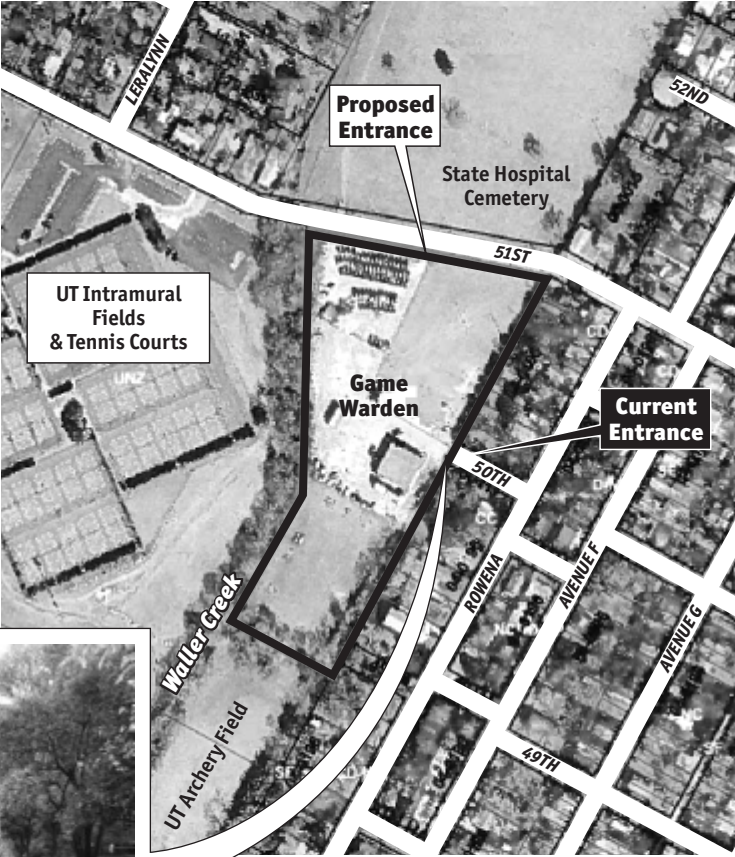
The site is split into two distinct tracts, with apartment buildings planned for the tract closest to the University of Texas intramural fields along 51st, and townhomes slated for the property nearest Rowena Street. The proposal calls for a total of 140 units, according to **Nikelle Meade**, an attorney representing the project’s developer.

In a letter to City Council rescinding HPNA’s formal support for the project, HPNA President **Elaine Meenehan** asked that final zoning decisions be postponed “to allow time for a traffic study, a flood study, and a determination of the specific site plan committing to the number of units and guest parking.” Said **Karen McGraw**, HPNA’s planning chair, “The neighborhood agreed to the plan in January, but some neighbors never liked it and we never got answers to some questions.”

Meenehan called the controversial bike/ped access closure “the best of several bad options,” explaining that nearby neighbors “spoke very clearly” that overflow parking from the development onto Rowena was a key concern to them. CIS is “promising enough parking per city code,” which is “just enough for residents but not guests,” she said. “Nobody wants to prohibit bikes and pedestrians – just people parking on Rowena and walking into the development.” She added, “I find it a little odd that they haven’t committed to a final site plan yet.” McGraw said the developer showed guest parking on its plans but wouldn’t codify those spaces.

“What they’re saying is an absolute farce,” responded Meade, who says she’s represented other Austin neighborhoods in similar negotiations. “We said from the beginning that we were not doing a site plan during the zoning phase.” And neighbors’ parking fears are “not a valid concern,” she said. “We will comply, without variance, with the city of Austin’s parking requirements for residents and guests,” Meade said, adding that CIS offered to pay for residential parking permits for two years. As for the project’s intended occupants, “There’s nothing we will do to target-market to students.” Rather, “We’ll be targeting young professionals.” Units will be priced from \$300,000 to \$600,000, Meade said. CIS hopes to sell all the units, though they haven’t fully ruled out renting, depending on market conditions.

Andy Jones, a 19-year Rowena Street resident whose home backs up to the proposed development, said,



DANIEL MOTTOLA

View from the current entrance to the Game Warden Academy

“When we were initially brought to the table, we kind of felt like deer in the headlights. By the time things were looking like they were ironed out with the developer and they had the neighborhood’s support, we figured out we had options and that we didn’t want that dense of a devel-

opment next door to us. It really diminishes the integrity of the neighborhood.” Ultimately, Jones said, “it boils back to the city’s intent to do all this high-density infill, pushing density to areas where it probably shouldn’t be.”

“When building your opposition to a densification project,” wrote Hyde Park resident **Rich MacKinnon** in an April 28 letter to neighbors, “think about whose backyard other than yours is more appropriate. We all choose to live in Hyde Park because of the neighborhood mix of amenities, but if we are not careful, our NIMBYism will not allow Hyde Park to continue to flourish. We all live next to some ‘thing’ and that something is what makes the neighborhood worthwhile, attractive, and a great investment. For those of us that seek to live next to nothing, there’s plenty of nothing to be had in other environs.”

Meanwhile, Meenehan expressed hope of a renegotiated agreement with the developer. But given the tone of Meade’s expressed frustration, HPNA will be lucky to find itself back at the table with CIS at all. “I’m extremely disappointed we wasted so many months talking with the neighborhood,” Meade said. “On two separate occasions the neighborhood told council, staff, and the Planning Commission we had an agreement. And they reneged.”

– Dan Mottola

HAPPENINGS

For more events, see *Community Listings*, p.70.

FRIDAY 16

BIKE TO WORK DAY is just one of several Bike Month events going on. For more, see www.austincycling.org.

SATURDAY 17

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE All electronics accepted – computers, cell phones, CD players. Anything that cannot be refurbished will be recycled. 9am-2pm. McCallum High School, 5600 Sunshine.

PERMACULTURE BASICS WEEKEND Sat.-Sun., May 17-18, 9am-5pm. TreeFolks, 10803 Platt, 619-5363. \$120. austinperm@permie.us.

SUNDAY 18

INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 8pm. Republic Square Park, 422 Guadalupe, 974-6700. www.candlelightmemorial.org.

WEEKLY PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM Jim Hightower and Susan DeMarco talk about their book, *Swim Against the Current*. 11:30am-12:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover, 452-6168. Free.

MONDAY 19

LIVE MUSIC TASK FORCE PUBLIC HEARING Just how loud do you like your live music? Let the task force know, as it considers issues of sound control and sound ordinance enforcement. 6:30-8:30pm. City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 W. Second. www.ci.austin.tx.us/council/livemusictaskforce.htm.

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY Learn about the disease and resources for sufferers; see www.hepcan.org for details. Texas Capitol grounds, 1100 Congress.

TUESDAY 20

ECONOMIC STIMULUS ASSISTANCE Ensure you get the money you deserve. 9am-5pm. Foundation Communities Tax Center, 3036 S. First, 215-1487. Free. www.communitytaxcenters.org/stimulus.htm.

RACE, RELIGION, & PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS A discussion hosted by the Austin Area Interreligious Ministries. 6-8pm. First Baptist Church of Austin, 901 Trinity, 476-2625. www.aaimaustin.org.

WEDNESDAY 21

METROPOLITAN BREAKFAST CLUB The Mexican American Cultural Center’s Amparo Garcia-Crow discusses **Discovering Culture and Diversity**. 7am. Memorial Stadium, UT Club. \$15. www.mbcaustin.org.

THIRD COAST FILM NIGHT 7pm. Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz, 320 E. Sixth, 476-1320. \$8.25 (\$6, students/seniors). www.thirdcoastactivist.org.

THURSDAY 22

U.S. & EL SALVADOR LECTURE In conjunction with the “Inside El Salvador” photo exhibit at the Harry Ransom Center, UT journalism professor Mercedes Lynn de Uriarte talks about U.S. activities in El Salvador during the 1980s. 7pm. HRC, 300 W. 21st, 471-8944. Free.

ONGOING

COMMUNITY SABBATICAL GRANT is open to non-profit employees who want to do research in their field. Recipients receive \$5,000, get paired with a UT faculty member to guide the research, and gain access to the university’s resources. Applications are due Fri., May 30. www.humanitiesinstitute.utexas.edu.

COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTER Free 32-computer facility is open to the public for research, homework, and job searching. Staff is on-hand to offer tech or homework help. East Austin Community Center, 6002 Jain, 462-2181. Free. www.swkey.org.

Envision Crestview Station



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The new 20-acre **Midtown Commons** broke ground this week; it will be Phase I of **Crestview Station**, Austin's first privately built transit-oriented development. As such, the "new urban village" designed around a transit stop offers a picture of Austin's desired land-use future.

Nestled between a transit line – the new Capital Metro commuter rail (to the left of the buildings) – and Lamar and Airport boulevards, Midtown Commons is rising at the North Lamar/Justin Lane Red Line rail stop. It will include 316 apartments (renting for about \$1.50 per square foot), plus ample retail and office space.

High Street Residential, a New Urbanist subsidiary of real estate development company Trammell Crow, works on urban infill projects and is partnering with Stratus Properties for Midtown Commons. It could take up to seven years for the next two to three phases of the 73-acre Crestview Station to be built out. Single-family houses, included in the next phase, are estimated to start in the mid-\$200,000s. High Street Residential speaks the New Urbanist speak and is developing TODs around the country. It holds up Crestview Station as an example of its mission to "support smart growth, green buildings, and environmental programs by developing sustainable facilities with human-scale characteristics." – Katherine Gregor

CRASHING THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROPOSAL PARTY

Want to hear developer proposals for the biggest Downtown Austin redevelopment project in history? Then plan to spend an afternoon at City Hall on Thursday, May 22. Starting at 1pm, council will hear from the five proposing master developers for the **Green Water Treatment Plant** (and Austin Energy) site. Each team will make 45-minute pitches of their visions and proposals (to be aired and rebroadcast on Channel 6), and council members are scheduled to vote on the winning team June 19 – unless Juneteenth and the annual parade force a reschedule.

But the noisy parade of activists upset about this huge sell-off of citizen-owned land to developers could blow Juneteenth out of the water, if

the public doesn't get an adequate voice in the selection and the project. Departing Assistant City Manager **Laura Huffman** had said the city would provide a significant forum, such as a town hall meeting, for interactive public input on the developer proposals. However, **Andrew Moore** of Council Member **Mike Martinez's** office said Tuesday that no public meetings are scheduled. Instead, the models and visual displays will be placed in the City Hall atrium lobby after the May 22 meeting. The public can provide feedback on computer terminals nearby and via the city's website. Got questions? See www.ci.austin.tx.us/seaholm/green.htm, or call the city staffer in charge: Fred Evins, 974-7131.

– K.G.

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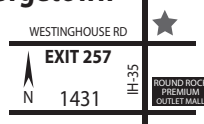
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DEVELOPING STORIES

The New Guy at CAMPO

BY KATHERINE GREGOR

Meet **Joe Cantalupo**. As the brand-new executive director of the **Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**, the affable and accomplished Cantalupo could be just the right staff leader at the right time for regional transportation and mobility planning. His guidance of CAMPO certainly will affect all of us – everyone who drives, commutes, needs public transit, bikes, or walks to get around our increasingly congested region.

Under energetic Chair **Kirk Watson**, CAMPO has been undergoing a positive transformation. Watson likes to say he’s putting the “P” back in CAMPO – the planning, which is what Congress created MPOs to do. Former Executive Director **Michael Aulick** resigned in January, after 15 years on the job. Following a national search – for which transit and multi-modal experience was a key hiring criterion – the CAMPO board selected Cantalupo, who started April 28.

“I’m not just a highway planner,” notes Cantalupo. “My focus is on an integrated system. Are highways always going to be important? Sure! But it’s also important to think about the future. As we continue to grow, we’re going to need to give some attention to other components; it’s all about finding the right balance.”

Job No. 1, said the new executive director: “We need to let people know what we do and how we do it.” (See “A CAMPO Primer,” below.)

Though he’s been in Austin for just a year (as a senior planning manager with consulting firm Parsons Brinckerhoff), Cantalupo brings to Central Texas 20 years of transportation-planning experience in New York and Delaware. (No, he’s not the infamous New York mob informer who shares his name.) For Delaware’s Department of Transportation, he spent his last eight years as an assistant director responsible for statewide and community-based regional and long-range transportation planning. He led a 30-person section charged with planning not just for roads but also for land use, bicycles, pedestrians, and air-quality compliance. (Delaware has a separate statewide transit organization – imagine! – with which Cantalupo coordinated.) He led development of a statewide Long Range Transportation Plan, inclusive of transit and all other modes, that was tied to a statewide growth and development policy.

“Joe brings a lot of good, practical experience, including long-term planning experience,” noted Watson. “He’s smart, and he’s a good communicator. I think he’ll be a great asset

as the CAMPO board makes decisions about mobility, clean air, land use, and how we want to look as a region. We’ve started trying to make these decisions differently in the past year, and Joe will be a big help.”

Cantalupo’s primary responsibility is the smooth operation of the CAMPO 16-member staff, which takes direction from the Transportation Policy Board and turns its policies into action. But he notes that policy initiatives are a two-way street; he’ll also be recommending to the board “ideas on how to move the whole thing forward.” He and other staff will “research and report on whether to implement certain policies or programs.” He shares the goal to “make CAMPO more of a planning organization,” in coordinating the present and future growth of all transportation modes for the region. On the East Coast, he developed a number of bike and pedestrian plans. He’s also keenly interested in CAMPO’s environmental justice and clean air initiatives.

“I understand how to build a transportation system for a vibrant, growing region,” he asserted. “You can’t continue to grow, prosper economically, and be a neat place where people want to live, without a multimodal system. My role is to help the region think about transportation in just that way – as a system, to provide integrated mobility. Is one mode going to save us? No!”

Cantalupo also hopes to help CAMPO better explain to people how their transportation choices link to air quality: “With the new federal ozone standards, the air quality issue isn’t going away.” On the East Coast, he was responsible for transportation conformity – ensuring that transportation plans and programs conformed to national standards to improve air quality. He expects to work closely with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Clean Air Force. As for the Austin Climate Protection Plan – well, he hasn’t read it yet, but give him time.

He noted that to make an impact: “Local governments have to develop land-use plans that support our transportation plan – both of those things have to work together. By linking transportation and land use, that’s where you can start to gain some ground.” He’s also a believer that small personal choices – walking to work (as his wife does), carpooling one day each week, biking to pick up a gallon of milk – can make a difference. To make progress on mobility, air quality, and climate protection: “It’s got to be all of us. We can’t be successful unless we see this as something we’re all in together.”



JOHN ANDERSON

Cantalupo sounded unfazed by Central Texans’ yen for highly transparent and participatory governance. While Austinites may consider CAMPO’s charge (and attendant politics) challenging, he’s a veteran of complex planning efforts that included input from a dizzying number of entities, MPOs, communities, and stakeholders from all over the state. “CAMPO’s job – and mine – is to make sure that we involve everyone and keep talking in an ongoing conversation, with a lot of back and forth,” he noted. He likes the broad public engagement with transportation issues that he’s seen here so far: “It keeps people like me, dedicated to public service, on their toes.” Welcome to Central Texas, Joe – enjoy the honeymoon. ■



A CAMPO PRIMER

If they’ve heard of CAMPO at all, most Central Texans probably have a blurry idea that it somehow presides over roads – especially toll roads. In fact, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has broad responsibility for overall transportation planning.

CAMPO is the metropolitan planning organization for Williamson, Travis, and Hays counties. (It cooperates with planning efforts in Bastrop and Caldwell counties.) In 1962, Congress created MPOs to ensure that the nation’s transportation projects would result from sound planning, embodying the “3 Cs”: continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive. Metropolitan areas (more than 50,000 in population) are required to have MPOs. They’re charged with developing detailed, regionwide plans incorporating careful long-range needs analysis, intergovernmental collaboration, and consensual decision-making. Since 2005, all MPOs have operated under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act.

Any major project – road, transit, bike path, or sidewalk – that needs federal transportation dollars (or U.S. approvals, such as environmental) must be channeled through the MPO. If your uncle the billionaire wants to build his own monorail, it’s got to be in the CAMPO long-range plan. Like all MPOs, our CAMPO must:

- Reflect the region’s shared vision for its future (e.g., Envision Central Texas), including a comprehensive look at its future and alternatives;

- Determine how best to allocate scarce transportation funding;
- Facilitate collaboration among the region’s various governments, citizen groups, transportation providers, and interested parties;
- Ensure that local projects comply with U.S. transportation regulations and legislation (e.g., SAFETEA);
- Maintain an up-to-date long-range transportation plan and a Transportation Improvement Program.

In addition to these required plans, our MPO has created the **CAMPO Mobility 2030 Plan** (of toll-road fame), which will be updated to become the 2035 Plan.

Established in 1973, CAMPO is funded through the U.S. Department of Transportation and regional entities. It’s governed by a Transportation Policy Board (the CAMPO board) comprising 19 members – state, county, and city officials, plus representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation and Capital Metro. As elected officials, board members represent one of the MPO’s constituent jurisdictions – and thus citizens and residents. For example, the city of Austin is represented by four members of City Council: currently Will Wynn, Betty Dunkerley, Brewster McCracken, and Jennifer Kim.

The legislation known as SAFETEA requires that CAMPO planning also must strive to protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and support desired growth and economic development patterns.

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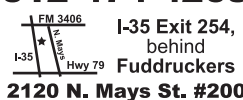
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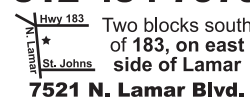
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Artist Cage Match: Fairey vs. Orr

Art, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. So may be the truth, in a legal squabble over when parody becomes rip-off. From one angle, it's David vs. Goliath, with an independent Austin artist facing legal threats from one of America's most successful graphic designers. From another, it's a battle for intellectual property rights, in which a world-renowned creator says a market-manipulating art dealer is passing himself off as an underdog.

It all comes down to one of the great contemporary visual icons, called Obey Giant. The strange, stylized, brooding image of a face has become a global brand, a 20-year art phenomenon that melds street art, propaganda, and viral marketing. Created by graphic artist **Shepard Fairey**, the ubiquitous image has been an inspiration for a generation of graffiti, collage, and mash-up artists. One of those influenced was Austin graphic designer **Baxter Orr**, who did his own take on Fairey's work: a piece called *Protect*, with the iconic Obey Giant face covered by a SARS (respiratory) mask. He started selling prints, marked as his own work, through his website.

On April 23, Orr received a signed cease-and-desist order from Fairey's attorneys, telling him to pull *Protect* from sale because they allege it violates Fairey's trademark. Orr calls this hypocrisy. "It's ridiculous for someone who built their empire on appropriating other people's images," he said. "Obey Giant has become like Tide and Coca-Cola."

But Fairey says Orr is the profiteer – not an artist but a mimic and "parasite" speculating in the secondary art market, by which dealers snap up a limited-edition print run of a work to resell at an artificially inflated price. It's not illegal, but it is widely viewed in the art community as unethical. Fairey says Orr, in addition to copying his work, has been guilty of its mercenary exploitation as well. "I want people who are fans of the work to get them," said Fairey, who sells his prints for \$25-35 but has found them sold online for hundreds of dollars more. To crimp speculation, Fairey introduced a one print per customer limit. But Orr, he says, has used proxies to buy extra prints, to corner and gouge the market – an allegation Orr rejects.

"Yes, I've made some money out of his artwork," Orr said, "but I wasn't necessarily bulk buying." Orr said that all he was doing was perfectly legally trading in works he bought and owned, although he did say that, before Fairey introduced purchaser limits, he would buy five or six copies of a print in one go. "There's people who buy them and sell them the next day. Most of them, I keep a couple of months."

The issue, Fairey says, is not people riffing on his work. At his website, ObeyGiant.com, Fairey even makes versions of the iconic image available for free, including printing instructions. He says Orr has become notorious among fans and collectors and was banned from one website, TheGiant.org. (Orr says he was singled out for his political views, but site administrators say he was abusive.)

Fairey understands intellectual property law: He's often been on the wrong end of it. In fact, that's how Obey Giant happened. In 1986, Fairey and several friends in Charleston, S.C., created a sticker campaign lampooning the ego-driven side of rap and skate culture: a photo of professional wrestler **Andre Rene Roussimoff**, aka Andre the Giant, carrying the words "Andre the Giant has a Posse, 7'4", 520lb" (because no one was bigger than Andre). However, Titan Sports, owners

of World Wrestling Federation Entertainment (now World Wrestling Entertainment Inc.), held rights to Andre's likeness and threatened a lawsuit. So in 1998, Fairey used the basic image of Andre to create the hyperstylized logo. Since then, he's used found images to create other works, and sometimes those images are still in copyright. "I have to deal with the bad end of it sometimes. I've had to pay out," he said. But, he says, the difference between him and Orr is that if he's contacted by a copyright owner, he'll stop using that image.

Orr says that his *Protect* image is a parody of Obey Giant and therefore perfectly legal. But parody is not an all-encompassing defense. Just because Fairey didn't stop other parodies doesn't mean he has given up his copyright. A trademark has no inherent value, but represents the value of the company or creative force behind it. Fairey trademarked the logo as part of his creative brand and uses it as a virtual signature in posters and publicity materials he does for other people. Fairey says that with legal bills and bad publicity, defending his trademark hurts him and may spotlight Orr. "In a sense, I should have just left him alone," said Fairey. "But this was the only way I could have any recourse for what he had done to others." – *Richard Whittaker*

PUSHING FOR A THREE-PARTY SYSTEM

The **Libertarian Party of Texas** is hoping for a record election year. Well, at least in terms of candidates. They're planning on having 174 names on the November ballot, beating their 2006 record of 168. They've already nominated 131 candidates for Senate, House, and District seats, plus 33 for county offices, and they hope to get eight candidates for statewide offices, plus their presidential ticket.

The LPT is riding high off state party Chair **Pat Dixon** retaking the Place 4 Lago Vista City Council seat he lost in 2007. Dixon has already said he'll be every inch the strict constitutionalist, having proclaimed: "When you're sworn in, you swear to uphold the Constitution. Some people think it's a formality. I take it seriously."

But who does this big turnout of candidates hurt the most? Traditional thinking has always said that the free-market end of the GOP is most likely to break bread with the Libertarians, but there's a theory that they may be picking up on some protest Democrat (and stoner) votes as well.

– R.W.

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A LITTLE POISON WITH YOUR PLASTIC?

A popular type of plastic bottle may be seeping dangerous chemicals into its contents, and concerns over the health consequences appear to be overflowing. **Polycarbonate** plastic bottles are being pulled from the shelves of many U.S. retailers, Canada is considering a national ban, and the plastic's most prominent manufacturer, **Nalgene**, has announced it will phase out all products made with the chemical in question, **bisphenol A** (BPA).

Nalgene's bottles, which have helped make the company a household name, are popular for their clear, hard, and virtually unbreakable composition. They have become a ubiquitous outdoor accessory, widely regarded as a responsible alternative to buying bottled water. Other manufacturers make similar outdoor and baby bottles using polycarbonate plastic. The material, also sometimes known as Lexan, is marked with the recycling label No. 7 (though not all No. 7 plastics are polycarbonate).

The National Institute of Environmental Health Science's **National Toxicology Program**, addressing BPA's health risks, reported last month that there is "some concern for neural and behavioral effects in fetuses, infants, and children at current human exposures," warranting a "higher level of concern" than those expressed by a previous expert panel. Studies also suggest that BPA mimics estrogen, messing with hormone levels and cell signaling systems, while higher exposure levels carry greater risks of uterine fibroids, breast cancer, decreased

sperm counts, and prostate cancer. "Recognizing the lack of data on the effects of bisphenol A in humans and despite the limitations in the evidence for 'low' dose effects in laboratory animals," the report concluded, "the possibility that bisphenol A may alter human development cannot be dismissed."

According to Nalgene's website, the company is phasing out its Outdoor line of polycarbonate containers "in response to consumer demand." Last month a California mom sued Nalgene's parent company, Nalge Nunc International, alleging that for years they've continued to sell the bottles while downplaying the risks identified in several studies. Canadian retailer Mountain Equipment Co-op removed Nalgene and other polycarbonate bottles from stores last December. In April, Wal-Mart and Toys "R" Us announced they would quit selling baby bottles with BPA.

Austin-based **Whole Earth Provision Co.** pulled all BPA-containing bottles from its shelves last month, as well. General merchandise manager Kathy McCarley said that before discontinuing sales of the bottles, they'd been aware of the concerns for several months and offered customers a BPA fact sheet with links to studies. McCarley said the store will likely offer Nalgene's reformulated non-BPA bottles when they're released. Meanwhile, she's trying to figure out what to do with her existing stock.

Brent Perdue of local recycler **Ecology Action** said folks can recycle their old Nalgene's, along with any plastic con-



tainers labeled Nos. 1-7, at EA's Downtown location. "If chemicals from oil-based plastic products don't seep into your body, they'll eventually seep into the ecosystem, so we tell people to avoid them entirely," Perdue said. Asked for alternatives, he suggested reusing glass bottles or buying one of the many long-lasting stainless steel bottles now offered.

To minimize overall BPA exposure, the National Toxicology Program recommends reducing your use of aluminum canned foods (whose liners can contain BPA); opting for glass, porcelain, or stainless steel containers, particularly for hot food or liquids; and using BPA-free baby bottles.

– *Daniel Mottola*

THE HIGHTOWER REPORT

BY JIM HIGHTOWER

SPENDING YOUR STIMULUS CHECK

I'm totally excited that our tax rebate checks are coming! Washington has turned into Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy, all rolled into one, now delivering \$300-600 checks to nearly every one of us.

The idea is that we'll all rush out and buy, buy, buy – thus stimulating the economy, creating jobs, and causing bluebirds of happiness to trill with delight. Wal-Mart is ready for you, offering to cash your government checks for free and tempting you with special price promotions. Indeed, every big retailer is running shopper specials in May.

But, wait – most of the stuff sold in those stores isn't made in America. So those sounds of economic stimulation we're hearing – from factory machinery to bluebirds – are coming from China, Singapore, and other low-wage nations where U.S. corporations have moved production. Spending at the Wal-Marts won't create new production or new jobs in your town or mine.

That's why I have a different plan for my \$600 check. I'm setting \$400 of it aside to spend at farmers' markets, artisan shops, and hometown businesses that sell goods produced locally, or at least produced in America. This way, our tax dollars can circulate here at home, genuinely benefiting our grassroots economy.

Then, I'm going to donate the other \$200 to public-interest groups or progressive candidates who are pushing for real economic reform, not made-in-China consumerism. In particular, my small donations will support those working for a massive public investment in repairing and extending America's deteriorating infrastructure – including water systems, bridges, schools, parks, public transportation, and a state-of-the-art Internet system.

Instead of a shopping stimulus, we should be employing millions of Americans at good wages to do the good grassroots work that needs to be done.

CORPORATE GREED STRANGLES HEALTH CARE

When drug-company arrogance combines with insurance-company avarice, look out for an explosion of gouging.

The essential idea behind the establishment of an insurance industry was not to maximize the profits of a few corporate giants but to create a social good for all of us – specifically, to spread the costs of medical care across our whole society. If everyone pays into the system, no one has to be crushed by the cost of care when they fall sick. The notion is that we're all in this together.

But a pernicious ethic of greed has erupted within America's corporatized system, putting an unbearable cost burden on some of us who are already burdened with the worst illnesses. Drug manufacturers have been given monopolies over medicines to treat such deadly diseases as cancer and multiple sclerosis, even though these drugs were developed with government funding. In turn, the monopolists are charging exorbitant prices for these life-saving drugs.

Enter the insurance profiteers, which have now created a special Tier Four pricing system that forces very ill people into co-payments that can cost them more than a thousand dollars for a month's worth of crucial pills. The price can be more than folks pay for their mortgages or even more than their monthly incomes. Pay up ... or do without. Which is to say: Die.

Remember, these are people who have insurance, yet this Tier Four price gouging effectively steals the uniting principle of insurance from them, profiting a handful of powerful corporations and impoverishing our society. Since the corporate system is abandoning America's essential notion of the common good, it's time to abandon it. Now is the time to push for an American version of single-payer health care for all. Check out House Resolution 676, sponsored by U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr.: 202/225-5126.

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Place 1 A Clear Victory for Leffingwell

From the moment **Jason Meeker** declared his candidacy for City Council Place 1, he admitted he would need to take it beyond anger over Wal-Mart. A study of the voting returns shows he failed to do that. The challenge to incumbent **Lee Leffingwell** by the former **Responsible Growth for Northcross** spokesman got smashed Saturday night like a certain Northwest Austin mall beneath a Lincoln Property bulldozer: Leffingwell cruised to a second term – and a possible mayoral candidacy? – with 68% of the vote, far ahead of Meeker's 23% and political newcomer **Allen Demling's** 10%.

The top vote-producing precincts for Meeker were mostly clustered around Northcross Mall, and even among those, the only one he actually won was Precinct 241, where he lives and serves as Democratic precinct chair.

"I think that when you're an incumbent running for re-election, it's always a referendum on what you've done in your first term, and I think the voters have said they're familiar with my record, they know what I did and what I haven't done, and they're satisfied with my record at this point," said a typically low-key Leffingwell at his victory party at Zocalo Cafe in West Austin. "I'm very grateful to the voters of Austin for that." Leffingwell declined to comment on Meeker's challenge: "As my mother said, if you can't say something good about it, don't say anything at all."

"I'm going to continue my work on environmental issues, particularly energy and water conservation, and water quality of course," Leffingwell said of his second-term priorities, while his closest council ally, Mike Martinez, celebrated nearby. "I'm going to be focused a lot on recycling and solid-waste stream reduction, and ultimately, I'm going to be focused

on the 800-pound gorilla in the room, and that's land-use and transportation issues."

As for his rumored mayoral ambitions: "I certainly haven't made any decision about that right now, and I won't be making that decision for some time," he said. "I'm very flattered that some people would consider my name as a possibility, and I'll be thinking more about it in the coming months, and I'll make a decision at the appropriate time. A lot of things have to fall into place to even consider doing something like that."

As his results-watching party at the Mangia Chicago Stuffed Pizza on Mesa Drive wound down, Meeker offered congratulations to Leffingwell and defended his run for office. "We got into the race late," Meeker reflected. "That has to be an obvious factor. Most people got into the race in November, and I got into the race in, gosh, February. And so that, and the factor of Nancy Williams, Lee Leffingwell's executive assistant, is really, really well-coordinated in the Democratic Party. ... The predisposition to support Lee was already there."

Meeker also noted Leffingwell's incumbency and fundraising advantage and said, "Given the time that I was in the race and the money that I had, my race did take off. ... I got more support in sheer votes – even though his field was crowded for Place 4 – than the person the *Statesman* endorsed, Robin Cravey. That's amazing, and Robin has amazing experience, and I don't have nearly the résumé he has."

Meeker said he'll likely stay engaged in civic affairs, but it was too early after the election to say how. "For right now, Laura Morrison is going to need our support to win [the Place 4 run-off] against Cid Galindo."

– Lee Nichols



Lee Leffingwell and his wife, Julie Byers, greet well-wishers.

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Randi Shade receives the Place 3 early results, holding her son, Ethan Shade-Shell. Her campaign manager, Marti Bier, looks on.

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Place 3 Shade's Surprising Landslide

Twenty-seven percent. That was what got **Jennifer Kim** onto council in 2005 and, in a shocking blowout, what got her out in 2008. In 2005, 27% was enough to get her into a run-off against Margot Clarke, which she then won. But this time it signified a rout, as challenger **Randi Shade** romped home with a decisive 64% victory.

It seemed no one saw it coming. At the Shade election-night party at the Galaxy Cafe, rumors were of a low turnout, something which normally benefits an incumbent. So there was shock and elation when the early-voting results came in, giving Shade 62% and a 34-point lead. "I'm surprised it's such a big margin," said Shade as she heard the first news. "I was expecting things to be much closer." Campaign consultant

Mark Nathan heard the early vote numbers and declared, "It's just a question of how much we win by, ultimately."

Until Saturday night, there was no definitive sign that Shade was even going to manage a squeaker win, with handicappers talking about every possibility, including **Ken Weiss'** third-place candidacy forcing a run-off. (Only days earlier, one campaign insider said if that happened, "The most reviled politician in Austin won't be Jennifer Kim or Randi Shade; it will be Ken Weiss.") But as the first few voting day precincts came in, it was immediately clear that no last-minute switch could save Kim. Shade built on the early advantage, in fact, pushing her final total up to 64%. That increase came at the cost of both Kim and Weiss, who scraped in at 9%.

In another coup for Shade, Place 3 earned the biggest turnout of any race, with 34,590 votes cast. (Alas, that's no cause for celebrations of democracy: When Place 3 was last up for grabs in 2005, 59,265 voted in the May ballot. Even June's Kim/Clarke run-off mustered 36,483). Shade put her victory down to the breadth of her coalition and how much it built upon personal friendships going back to her days helping launch AmeriCorps in Texas in 1993. "The reason I was able to do so well in the beginning was the friends from all those groups," she said, and this translated into a network of block walkers, phone-bank workers, and fundraisers.

As for any incumbent, the conventional wisdom was that the race was Kim's to lose: Even Shade called the vote "two-thirds a referendum" on Kim and said Kim's negative campaigning had backfired. "You don't usually see an incumbent go negative, and I really think that her campaign's attacks were fictitious characterizations and false accusations," said Shade. As for her



Jennifer Kim

JANA BIRCHUM

own attacks on Kim, she called them fair. "The challenges she's had getting along with other people, those are real."

Kim called Shade well before the final votes were tallied to congratulate her, and stood by her own record. "I've been the most independent member of the council, and I don't regret a thing," she said. As for her reputation as a contrarian, she said, "I don't see that as a bad thing. I'm not someone who's just going to go along to get along," pointing to her opposition to tolling existing roads and development in the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and her continued support from environmental groups.

Moreover, the Kim campaign argued that the negativity began months before Shade even declared and that it was directed at Kim. The turning point, according to Kim campaign manager **Elliott McFadden**, was "Gategate," the infamous incident in January 2007, when the story broke that Kim had requested privileged access to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport to avoid the lines at security checks. A still-unknown source leaked a report from the city manager's office about the request to the *Austin-American Statesman*. (Shade would pounce on the incident in her campaign TV spot with the line, "Unlike my

opponent, I'll be happy to stand in line with you at the airport any time.") Kim's loss, McFadden argued, came after more than a year of media pile-on, in which she became the scapegoat for several unpopular measures, like the proposed panhandling ordinance, or on divided votes in which she was not the only council member involved. "The stories were a little more sensational and a little bit easier for people to get their heads around," he said.

As for Shade's next step? She still wants to broaden her coalition. "I really want to reach out to those people who supported Jennifer and to build the best team I can," she said. After that, she will turn her attention to the budget and start looking at priorities and trade-offs: "Not the nice-to-haves but the need-to-haves."

– Richard Whittaker

Place 4 Morrison, Galindo Move to Run-Off



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Laura Morrison

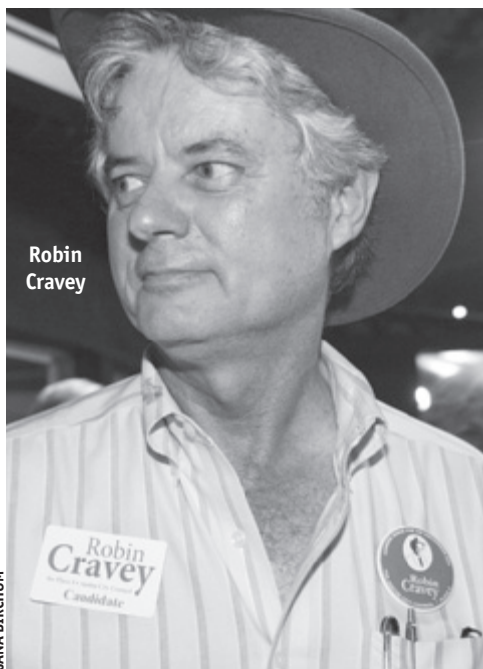


Cid Galindo

ROXANNE JO MITCHELL

If election day's hot, muggy weather depressed spirits (or turnout), it certainly didn't hamper **Laura Morrison's** gathering at the Waterloo Ice House, where a raucous returns watching party quickly turned into a victory celebration. Early-voting numbers gave her a commanding total of 37% in the six-person field, and it held all night – ultimately swelling to 12,882 of Place 4's 33,398 total votes, ensuring her a spot in the June 14 run-off against second-place finisher **Cid Galindo**. About 10pm, News 8 Austin aired a

live interview with Morrison, causing her supporters – among them members of Better Austin Today, Liveable City, and Save Our Springs' **Bill Bunch** (at one point spotted in close proximity to development attorney nonpareil **Richard Suttle**) – to vigorously scream and wave placards behind their candidate (almost recalling similar scenes at the county clerk's office in precomputer voting days). Someone yelled, "Cid said no to neighborhoods!" Taking the stage shortly thereafter, Morrison thanked her supporters and advisers (specifically Mark Yznaga, Jeff Smith, and David Butts) before addressing the campaign. "We got a lot of votes today," said Morrison. Noting the campaign had included "a lot of ups and downs," she nevertheless vowed, "We can do it for another month if we need to – and it looks like we need to!"



Robin Cravey

JANA BIRCHUM

Galindo's gathering couldn't have been any more different from Morrison's capacity crowd. With attendance diminished by the late hour (around 10:20pm), only some 25 supporters milled around the fellow run-off winner's live/work space Downtown at Fourth and Brazos – members of Galindo's family, manicured Downtown types, and Austin Police Association Vice President **Wuthipong "Tank" Tantaksinanukij** among them. Still, Galindo gave an impassioned speech, previewing the themes he'll continue to work on

this last month of campaigning. Calling his first run for office a "real learning experience," he said the results – 29% of the total, or 9,729 votes – were "great" considering he entered the race "without any political base to speak of." As for that closing message? "Cid Galindo is a candidate with a plan," he said, referring to his calls for a series of town centers along the SH 130 corridor. "Laura Morrison does not have a plan. ... That's the message we have five weeks to get out."

The mood was "cautiously optimistic" – but realistic – at **Robin Cravey's** gathering at Uncle Billy's Brew and Que earlier that evening. Trailing in early voting, Cravey's showing grew with election-day results, but not enough. He ultimately garnered 20%, or 6,825 votes. Asked what his post-race plans were, Cravey pointed to some literary projects he was working on, along with his day job: "I've got a law office I've gotta go back to."

– Wells Dunbar

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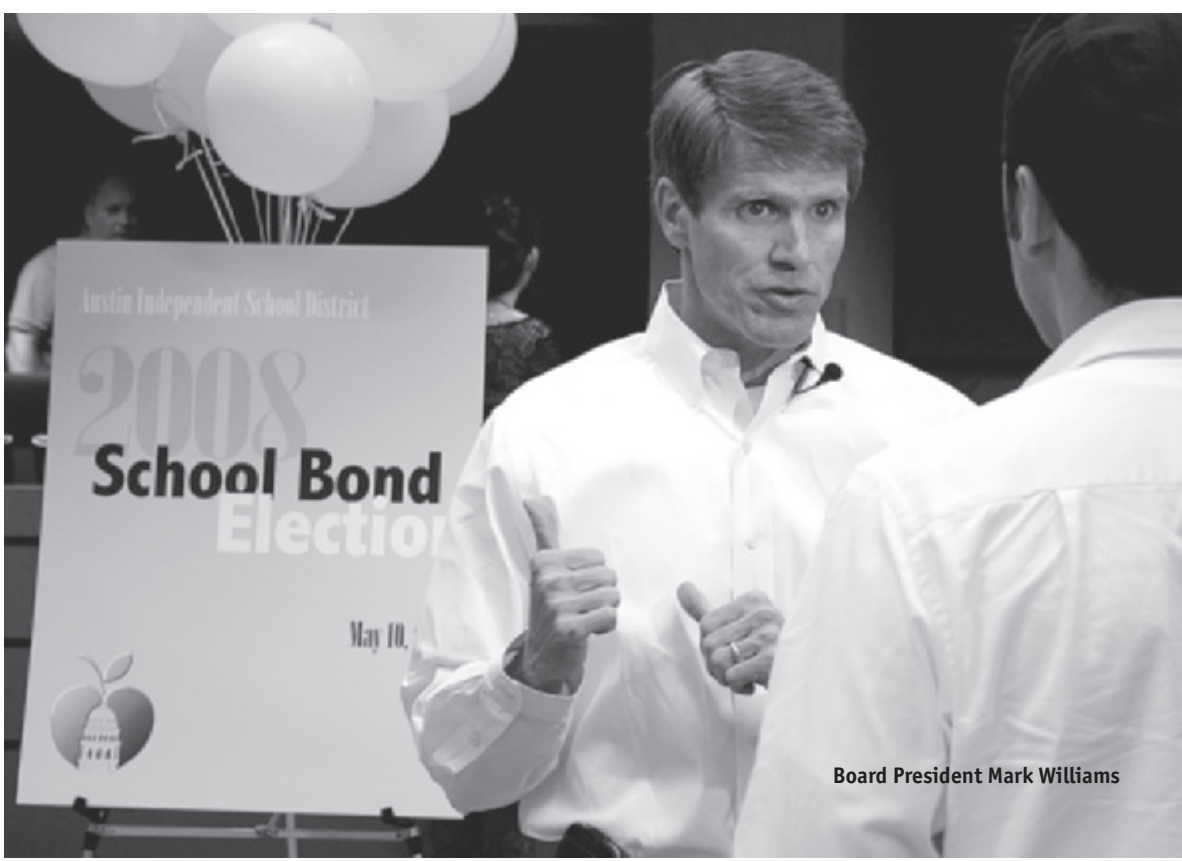
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Last summer, when the Austin Independent School District started putting its latest **\$343 million school bond package** together, the economy was shaky but optimism remained high. Since then, both city and state sales tax estimates have fallen, and there was real concern that belt-tightening Austin voters might take the almost unprecedented step of rejecting one of the three school bond proposals. Instead, they passed all three, by an almost three-to-one margin, causing a sigh of relief in the board auditorium from trustees and staff alike. It was also a big night for North Austin school activist **Christine Brister**, who took the outgoing **Johna Edwards** northside Place 3 seat on the board of trustees with an impressive 63% over **Jerry Garcia**; and for Superintendent **Pat Forgione**, but in a different way. He missed the party in order to watch his wife, **Kaye Forgione**, receive a distinguished alumni award from the University of Delaware.

The biggest fears for the bond had been for Proposition 3, which had received more muted support than the vital infrastructure and equipment investments in Props. 1 and 2. In the final weeks before the vote, there had been some debate about one of Prop. 3's big-budget items: not the \$40 million district-wide performing arts center, but \$32 million for land for a new undesignated south high school. Yet it too passed easily, with 68.9%. Board of Trustees President **Mark Williams** said he thought the passage had been eased by a last-minute sales push. "We were able to convince people there was clearly demand from each of the existing high schools which are already over capacity," he said. AISD facilities Executive Director **Paul Turner**, who had shepherded the bond through the yearlong process, saw the vote as a success for the district in explaining its needs to the public. "We're always very pleased, because this means you can put together some good environments for the kids," he said. "That's why you do this."

— Richard Whittaker

ACC Mahoney Comes Out on Top, for Now

The high jumpers over at the UIL track and field state championships at UT Saturday night certainly had no idea who **Tim Mahoney** is, but they could probably relate to the Austin Community College board of trustees candidate's predicament – his election result was like getting his whole body over the bar ... but then clipping it with his ankles on the way down. Thanks to 5,297 people (18%) voting for ACC student **Mike Reid** – despite the fact that he stopped campaigning and apparently ended his candidacy – Mahoney ended up with only 48.5% of the vote, just shy of the 50% needed to avoid a run-off. The community activist and lawyer with strong Democratic support will have to again face **Harrison Keller**, an adviser to House Speaker Tom Craddick on education issues, who took 33%.

"I'm certainly honored by getting such a high plurality," said Mahoney, "but I sure wish we'd gotten another [two] percent. Now we're gearing up for June 14, and a whole new campaign."

Asked about how Keller's Republican con-

nections played into the race, Mahoney said, "It certainly deflated some of his lift."

"I think now it's a whole new race," said Keller. Asked about the new Round Rock voters, Keller, ever the data-based researcher, said: "I'm still looking at the numbers. I think it's important. It's encouraging that the annexation passed overwhelmingly. It shows that people in Round Rock have an interest in ACC."

But after Saturday night, those connections could benefit Keller. He actually won among Williamson County voters, who accounted for only 3.5% of the total ballots. The next round, however, will feature a changed electorate: Simultaneous to the board race, voters in the Round Rock ISD voted to join the ACC taxing district, 3,195 to 1,761. Those voters, presumably more conservative than Travis County's, will now be eligible to vote in the run-off – and based on Saturday's numbers, the newbies would account for 15% of the voters.

Asked if that worried him, Mahoney said: "I welcome their participation. We'll campaign in Williamson County, as well."

— Lee Nichols

McCRACKEN DISAVOWS STANFORD

In the City Council election, one persistent piece of inside baseball concerned political consultant and opposition researcher **Jason Stanford**'s involvement with the **Jason Meeker** Place 1 campaign – first as Meeker's campaign manager, then for the ostensibly independent ad campaign financed by Discount Electronics CEO **Rick Culleton**, attacking incumbents **Lee Leffingwell** and **Jennifer Kim**. With Leffingwell a potential mayoral candidate in 2009, there has been speculation that Stanford – a friend and associate of Place 5 Council Member **Brewster McCracken**, also mulling a mayoral run – was in the race to bruise Leffingwell and thereby boost McCracken's chances next May. However, in a conversation with the *Chronicle* last Friday, McCracken said Stanford would have no role whatsoever in his potential mayoral bid. Noting that the issues the Stanford-drafted ads hammered effectively hurt him as well (the Las Manitas loan fracas and voting to increase council pay), McCracken said he was "really displeased" to learn about Stanford's involvement in the Culleton campaign and added, "I'll never work with the guy." Queried further on his mayoral ambitions, McCracken said he would speak more freely after July 1 – the date when state "resign to run" laws would allow sitting council members to formally declare a run.

— Wells Dunbar

IN OTHER ELECTIONS ...

After a split vote on three bond proposals, it looks like the city of **Pflugerville** is big on bookworms but not so hot on hitting the gym or having a new city hall. Voters rejected Prop. 1 (\$11 million for a city hall, allowing staff to move out of the converted doctor's office it currently uses) 54% to 46%, and Prop. 2 (\$16 million for a new recreational center) 61% to 39%, but approved the \$7 million in Prop. 3 for a library extension by almost the same ratio – 59% to 41%.

Legislative election handicappers don't normally pay much attention to ISD races, but in **Leander**, Place 7 incumbent **Pam Waggoner**'s surprise defeat by challenger **Will Streit** may raise some eyebrows. Why the interest? Waggoner's the Republican candidate hoping to dislodge state Rep. **Donna Howard** from House District 48 in November. She held a slim lead in early voting, but after her bad showing on election day, Streit stormed ahead to 50.2% and a 10-point margin.

In the bitter and strange **West Lake Hills** mayoral race (see "West Lake Follies: Attraction and repulsion," May 9), local Wastewater Commission Chair **Dave Claunch** swept past former Mayor **Dwight**

Thompson (who had wanted to come back for one more term after being kicked out in 2006), with a resounding 67% to 33%. "I think voters responded well to my positive campaign about what I can do for the city," said Claunch, adding that he hoped to end years of acrimonious council politics. In third

place was incumbent Mayor **Mark Urdahl**, with one (count it) vote – which was actually more than he wanted. After filing, he had tried unsuccessfully to get off the ballot, and so hit the stump for Claunch instead. Claunch said he does not know who the one voter was, but said Urdahl promises it wasn't him.

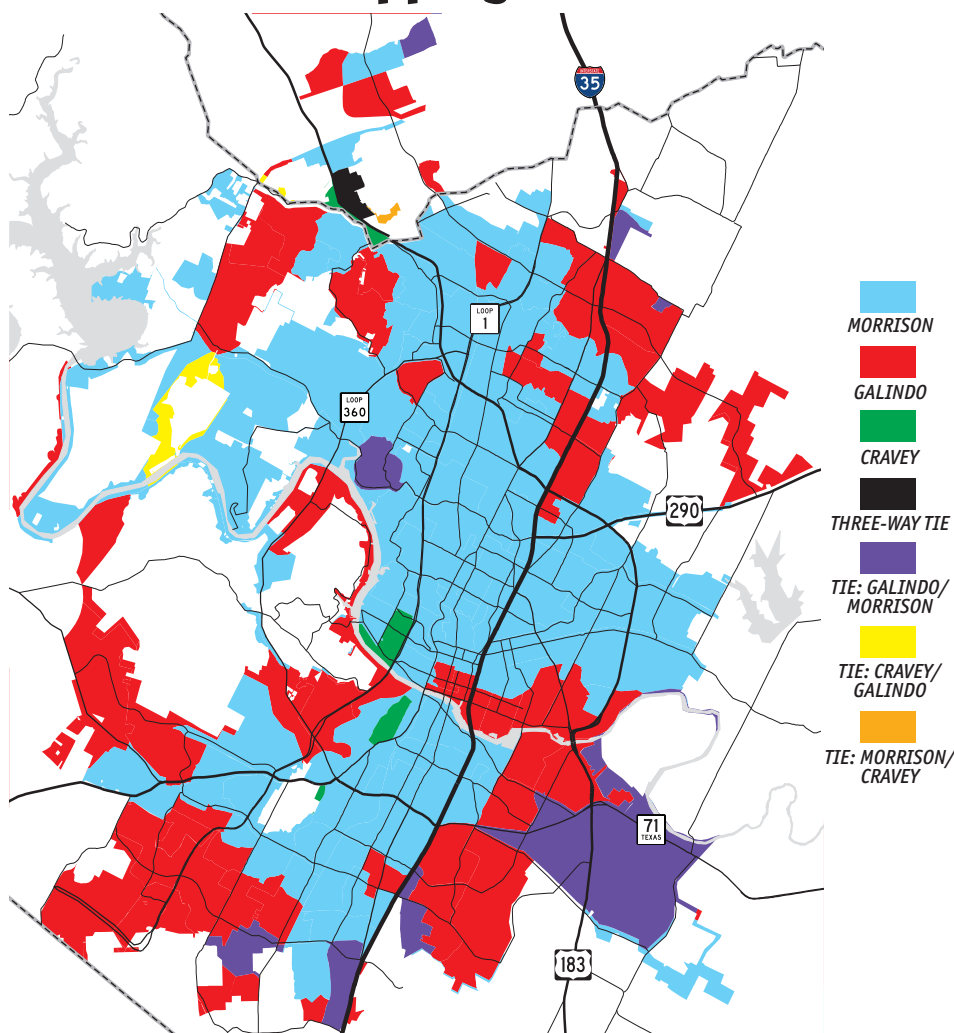
Manor ISD voters will have another chance to fill three at-large positions on their board of trustees after a goof on the ballot meant the district had to pull

the entire race and start over. Voters should have been able to choose up to three candidates, but an error in the instructions told them they could only pick up to two. The mistake was not caught until after early voting began, so after the district took legal advice, it was decided there will have to be a June 14 do-over, with early voting beginning on June 2.

— R.W.



Place 4 Handicapping Clouds Over Galindo



If you're going to lay money on the City Council Place 4 run-off, it appears the safe money would be on Laura Morrison. Her strongest precincts were the ones that usually control Austin elections, the turnout-heavy central boxes – areas where the citizens are most likely to be aware that a run-off is scheduled and engaged enough to get to the polls yet again on June 14.

While it's not unheard of for a regular election second-placer to pull ahead in the run-off (that's what Jennifer Kim did rather handily against Margot Clarke in 2005), there are some election-night numbers that don't bode well for Galindo.

– Lee Nichols

GALINDO'S TOP BOXES

Of the 10 precincts that produced the most votes for Galindo, he actually lost seven and tied one. If he can't even win in the areas with his heaviest support, that likely spells trouble.

Precinct	Votes	Winner
367	201	Galindo
256	200	Morrison
231	191	Morrison/Galindo (tie)
253	171	Morrison
237	168	Morrison
262	158	Morrison
337	145	Morrison
354	144	Morrison
236	143	Morrison
249	142	Galindo

THE POWER BOXES (MOST VOTES)

Galindo lost most of the power boxes. Of the 10 boxes with the heaviest turnout, Morrison took eight.

Precinct	Cravey	Galindo	Morrison
342	141 19%	290 40%	251 34%
256	200 34%	244 42%	107 18%
367	201 42%	128 27%	67 14%
239	136 24%	303 54%	101 18%
242	120 22%	284 52%	96 18%
253	171 34%	205 41%	92 18%
236	143 27%	238 45%	121 23%
231	191 38%	191 38%	87 17%
337	145 32%	169 38%	70 16%
332	44 8%	197 38%	267 51%

CRAVEY'S TOP BOXES

What's harder to discern is how the Cravey vote – assuming his voters return to the polls – will break on June 14. Conventional wisdom is that his environment-minded voters will side with Morrison, who garnered most of the enviro endorsements; if that's true, then this is telling: In each of Cravey's top 10 boxes, Morrison got more votes than Galindo.

Precinct	Cravey	Galindo	Morrison
332	267 51%	44 8%	197 38%
342	251 34%	141 19%	290 40%
251	163 38%	115 27%	134 31%
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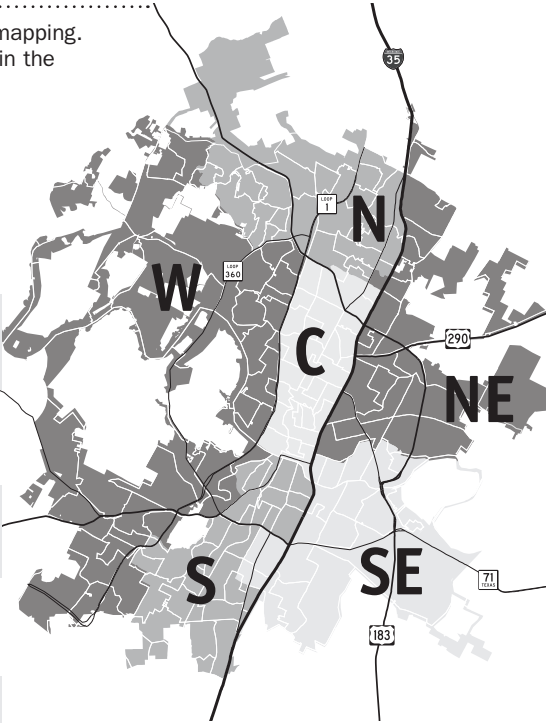
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MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS BY REGION

Here's a regional breakdown of the election results, based on the council districts floated during the last round of single-member district mapping. **West** has by far the most registered voters – and had the highest turnout percentage. Every candidate but Jason Meeker got more votes in the West than in any other region, but Harrison Keller, Lee Leffingwell, and Randi Shade all got their highest percentage there, as well. **Central** is still the liberal stronghold: nearly 70% combined Morrison/Cravey, 60% Mahoney. Central provided way more than half of Morrison's margin of victory over Galindo; that race was a dead heat in the high-turnout West. **Southeast** was the only region where Cid Galindo won; it was also the strongest region for outsiders Mike Reid and Allen Demling, but with the smallest number of registered voters, and by far the lowest turnout, its effect was negligible.

TURNOUT BY REGION		Central 10.4%	Northeast 5.8%	North 6.8%	Southeast 3.6%	South 7.7%	West 11.5%	Total 8.2%	Votes 35,830
AISD Prop. 1	FOR	6,010 77.8%	2,061 72.6%	2,053 71.2%	1,249 68.2%	4,329 70.5%	7,580 74.3%	23,282 73.6%	31,614
AISD Prop. 2	FOR	5,916 76.8%	2,080 73.4%	1,973 68.8%	1,237 67.7%	4,278 69.7%	7,298 71.8%	22,782 72.2%	31,538
AISD Prop. 3	FOR	5,586 72.7%	1,950 69.2%	1,861 64.7%	1,173 64.1%	4,058 66.1%	7,083 69.7%	21,711 68.9%	31,512
ACC Board Place 1	Tim Mahoney	3,374 59.5%	1,447 51.3%	1,437 41.6%	946 51.6%	2,523 52.1%	3,898 42.7%	13,625 49.1%	27,752
	Harrison Keller	1,589 28.0%	793 28.1%	1,259 36.4%	469 25.6%	1,388 28.6%	3,634 39.8%	9,132 32.9%	
	Mike Reid	712 12.5%	580 20.6%	761 22.0%	417 22.8%	935 19.3%	1,590 17.4%	4,995 18.0%	
City Council Place 1	Lee Leffingwell	4,795 63.7%	2,060 66.2%	3,051 68.1%	1,241 61.3%	3,815 66.2%	7,577 73.4%	22,539 67.8%	33,225
	Jason Meeker	2,086 27.7%	683 21.9%	963 21.5%	493 24.3%	1,312 22.8%	1,987 19.3%	7,524 22.6%	
	Allen Demling	644 8.6%	371 11.9%	466 10.4%	292 14.4%	632 11.0%	757 7.3%	3,162 9.5%	
City Council Place 3	Randi Shade	4,961 64.4%	1,956 61.1%	2,923 62.0%	1,260 59.9%	3,730 62.9%	7,360 67.3%	22,190 64.2%	34,590
	Jennifer Kim	2,213 28.7%	972 30.4%	1,236 26.2%	621 29.5%	1,619 27.3%	2,686 24.5%	9,347 27.0%	
	Ken Weiss	526 6.8%	271 8.5%	559 11.8%	222 10.6%	578 9.8%	897 8.2%	3,053 8.8%	
City Council Place 4	Laura Morrison	3,507 46.4%	1,307 41.4%	1,553 34.7%	705 34.0%	2,283 39.3%	3,527 34.2%	12,882 38.6%	33,398
	Cid Galindo	1,790 23.7%	753 23.8%	1,366 30.5%	727 35.0%	1,571 27.1%	3,522 34.1%	9,729 29.1%	
	Robin Cravey	1,733 22.9%	614 19.4%	838 18.7%	313 15.1%	1,270 21.9%	2,057 19.9%	6,825 20.4%	
	Jennifer Gale	271 3.6%	230 7.3%	360 8.0%	174 8.4%	342 5.9%	574 5.6%	1,951 5.8%	
	Sam Osemene	175 2.3%	205 6.5%	252 5.6%	114 5.5%	238 4.1%	435 4.2%	1,419 4.2%	
	Ken Vasseau	79 1.0%	51 1.6%	110 2.5%	42 2.0%	102 1.8%	208 2.0%	592 1.8%	

- Figures shown in **bold** indicate the region where each candidate had his or her best showing in percentages or totals.
- ACC results are for Travis County only, and do not include about 3% of the district vote that came from Williamson Co.
- City Council totals do include Williamson County precincts.



Lee Leffingwell won every area of town, beating his nearest competitor by margins ranging from better than 2-to-1, up to almost 4-to-1. **Randi Shade** did almost as well, with less regional variation; her totals ranged from 60% to 67%.

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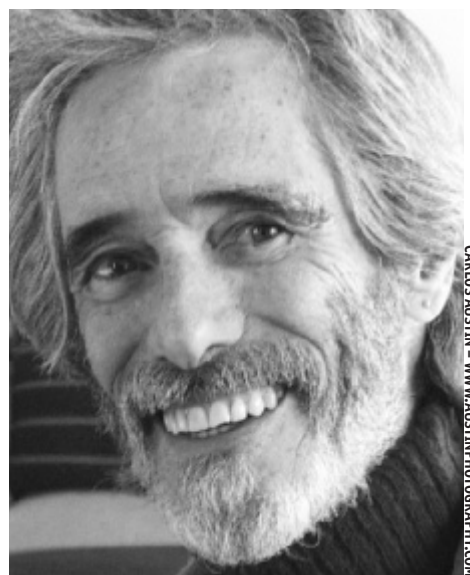
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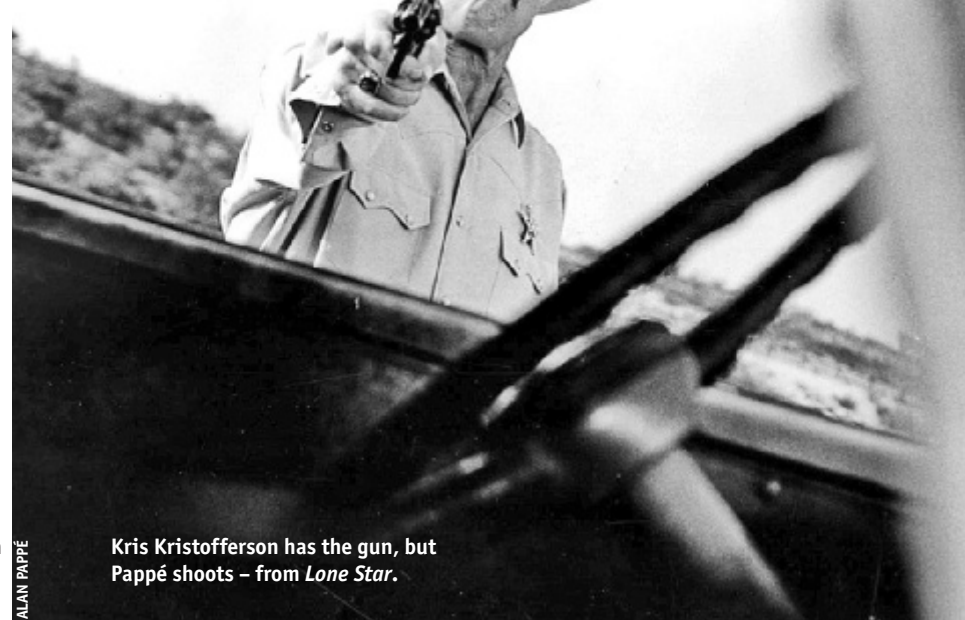
Remember that iconic image of John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John on the soundtrack album for the movie *Grease* – her hand on his shoulder, him looking back toward the camera with all the smoldering J.D. sensuality he could muster?

The man who gave us that classic shot – and thousands of others just as striking – has passed. Alan Pappé, who made his name in Hollywood but spent the last 14 years in Austin, died Wednesday, April 30. As a special-projects still photographer, Pappé worked with industry giants the likes of Federico Fellini, John Huston, Martin Scorsese, Robert Redford, Robert De Niro, Lucille Ball, and Barbra Streisand, and if

you want to know why, you need only look at one of his shots – say, his portrait of Liza Minnelli in the film *Cabaret* that was used for the cover of *Time* (and earned him special recognition from the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery): The drama, the character, the star wattage are all there in a single frame. Pappé brought that same skill to the music scene in the Sixties and Seventies, capturing historic images of everyone from Hendrix, Zappa, and the Grateful Dead to Aerosmith, Diana Ross, and Neil Young. (Look inside the cover of the Jefferson Airplane classic *After Bathing at Baxter's*, and the shots are Pappé's.) His move to Austin was prompted by Steven Soderbergh's decision to film *The Underneath* here – Pappé had just worked with the director in Prague on *Kafka*. Upon arriving in 1994, Pappé continued to work in film, particularly films shot in Texas, such as John Sayles' *Lone Star* (see right), but he also became involved in the local visual-arts scene, showing in several exhibitions with Neil Coleman at Pro-Jex Gallery, as well as with Lane Orsak at Manuel's Micro Gallery and Kelly Slade's Galerie Bleux. He became known among Austin visual artists as a colleague and a patron, frequently visiting galleries and supporting other photographers. He contributed an image of Kris Kristofferson that he shot for *Lone Star* for the poster of a "Texas Film Art" exhibition curated by Coleman.

Coleman, who is in the process of putting together a tribute exhibit for Pappé, estimates that the photographer produced more than a half-million images – and had that many stories to accompany them. He is survived by his best friend, Debbie Perlman; his children, Shaun, Remi, and Rani Pappé; and three grandchildren.

– Robert Faïres



Kris Kristofferson has the gun, but Pappé shoots – from *Lone Star*.

I remember Alan Pappé as a wiry little guy who took great photos. We hired him for *Lone Star* because he was relatively local, and his portfolio of film and nonfilm stuff was really interesting. He took up very little space on the set, a vital attribute for movie stills photographers, who are asked to be neither seen nor heard but still get good coverage. Alan "pushed the envelope" though, rarely shooting from behind the camera (the safest spot) but glancing at the video assist and then going out and guessing at the vectors to crouch and shoot at the edge of the frame – and sometimes over the edge. Because he was so professionally stealthy and not that big, it would often be take two or three before the cinematographer/operator Stuart Dryburgh would say, "Has the stills guy been in the shot all this time?" Alan got consistently interesting shots though, with beautiful composition and a lot of Dutch-angle and low-angle stuff up at actors, with the big Texas sky overhead that reminded me of Gabriel Figueroa, the great Mexican Siglo de Oro cinematographer (who started out shooting stills). And unlike many of our crew down on the border, he never backed into a cactus.

– John Sayles

Mindstorms Mania

Children are the future, and the future is robots

Used to be, robots were exclusively the stuff of fantasy, of science fiction. The actual robots of the latter half of the 20th century, massive industrial mechanisms that welded car parts or shunted heavy-laden pallets from one room to another and so on, even those didn't exist when Czech writer Karel Capek introduced the term (from the Czech word *robota*, labor) in his 1921 stage play *R.U.R.*, a drama in which artificial workers revolt and eventually destroy the entire human race, oh joy.

These days, industrial robots are commonplace, and we have more science-fictionary narratives coming true with bioform robots – whether a playful toy like Sony's AIBO or the search-and-rescue (and easily weaponizable) BigDog from Boston Dynamics. Also, the humanoid wonders of Honda's ASIMO and especially Hanson Robotics' Jules continue to brighten the arena of socially interactive machines and pave the way for further human/machine integration. There are more and uncannier machines in our technological future, of course, and the people who will be building these devices then are only kids right now. In fact, they might well be some of the approximately 80 kids who participated in the Mindstorms Mania robotics showcase at Oak Springs Elementary School this past weekend.

It's called Mindstorms Mania because the robots are built using Lego Mindstorms NXT materials and software, with supervision from mentors in the schools' robotics clubs. Schools, plural, because Oak Springs Elementary, whose own young roboticists were taught by Dr. Marilyn Fowler, science education manager at Austin Children's Museum, served as the gathering place for robotics teams from seven other elementary schools within Austin Independent School District and beyond.

At the kids' command, a tiny army of vehicular robots had the tiled floor of what would otherwise be a lunchroom buzzing with self-propelled, multiwheeled or many-legged machines performing complex choreographies, bound only by instructions in their software and parameters recognized by various sensors. (You could say the same for the kids themselves – although the young humans present had no wheels, only two legs each, and their own software is, we understand, of a greater complexity than that of their creations.)

There was a pair of high school teams at the showcase, too, demonstrating the fiercer robots they'd built, with mentors from National Instruments and UT's College of Engineering, for professional competitions; these robots, driven via remote control, were roughly the size of washing machines and had been designed to capture and transport giant spheres (okay: yoga balls) across a



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finish line or over a tall barrier. The demonstrations were impressive. These were robots that you wouldn't want getting pissed off at you, if they could get pissed off at you.

"Children's robotics is an ideal way to equip and inspire the next generation of creative problem solvers," says Fowler, who also runs the museum's robotics outreach program. Certainly, such a program provides familiarity with many aspects of engineering and can also better engage those kids who

flourish in a more hands-on, less purely textbook environment. It also provides this familiarity and inspiration regardless of gender: Were there just as many young girls as boys at this showcase? We don't have an accurate count, but we do know that when UT's Richard Crawford asked, "How many kids here today want to be engineers when they grow up?" roughly 90% of the many hands raised were female.

This is encouraging in so many ways, but, ultimately, it may only mean that, when the artificial workers we build eventually revolt and destroy the entire human race, people who like to blame everything on "the women" will feel a fleeting sense of vindication as Skynet's minions laser the flesh from our all-too-organic bones.

– Wayne Alan Brenner



See our accompanying video (sans robo-apocalypse) online at austinchronicle.com.

Object Lesson

In Sherry Kramer’s new play, things that are ordinary become magical: flowers, Barbies, even the writer herself

BY C. DENBY SWANSON

Sherry Kramer has a theory about objects. We were at Cafe Mundi, having just participated in *Etiquette*, by the British group Rotozaza as part of the 2008 Fuse Box Festival. It was sort of a piece of theatre – it had even involved a scene from an Ibsen play – but we had been the performers, directed through a story by a mysterious voice that came to us through a pair of headsets. The piece had included a number of objects, including a ball of blue tack, two tiny human figures, an eye dropper, and two glasses of water.

“Italo Calvino says that every object in a narrative is a magical object,” Kramer explained. “And if you think about the Holy Grail, the Shroud of Turin, anything in the *Harry Potter* books, rings, crowns, cloaks, seven-league boots ... if you really start thinking – jewelry, your mother’s jewelry, her jewelry box – they’re magical, freighted, filled with significance.” We were talking about the Rotozaza performance as well as about her own new play, *When Something Wonderful Ends*, which opens at the Off Center on May 15.

“These objects become metaphorical, because they become carriers of hope and desire and longing. That’s what fills them up. And so they start having the ability to do things. They have agency.”

Kramer’s favorite part of *Etiquette* was when she opened her eyes to discover that I had been ordered to use the eye dropper to put water on my cheeks as if I had been crying. She laughed and laughed.

Magical objects infuse a lot of plays. Think *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams or *The Piano Lesson* by August Wilson. Or Sam Shephard’s *Buried Child*, in which the family’s dark secret is symbolized by an armful of carrots grown in the back yard.

“By the end of the play, you leave with a container; it’s like a to-go container. It carries the whole play. You open your refrigerator, and there’s *Buried Child*, in the crisper. It’s an ambush.” It’s not a funny play, but she laughs again.

When Something Wonderful Ends, which premiered at the Humana Festival of New American Plays in 2007, is described as a “one woman, one Barbie” show. It’s about the history of American involvement in the Middle East, Kramer’s childhood as a Jewish girl growing up in a decidedly Baptist community, and the loss of a parent. Ultimately, the play is about the end of an era. But it’s not quite the era that you might think.

The writing of the play began in 2005. Kramer’s mother had died, and her father was moving from the family home in Springfield, Mo., to independent living. She went back to help pack things up.

Kramer’s life was then – and remains today – very mobile. She teaches at Bennington College in Vermont and frequently returns as a guest artist at the Iowa Playwrights Workshop, the University of Iowa’s Master of Fine Art program in playwriting, and the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas, where I first met her. She drives everywhere, all over the country. In her own life, her primary object has for many years been her car.

So at the start of her journey home, she got herself a Book on Tape. And it happened to be about the history of American petroleum policy and U.S. involvement in the Middle East since World War II. “It just found me,” she says. “This often happens. You walk into a library or a bookstore, and you just pick up a book, and that’s that. You’re writing a play about it.”

Then, packing up the house, digging through rooms full of family memorabilia – her mother’s history, her own history – she came across two huge boxes of vintage Barbie stuff



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Sherry Kramer

from her childhood, which she decided to sell on eBay. This required research into the history of the doll and its outfits. And she realized something: 1964 was the year that Sherry Kramer got her first Barbie. It was also the year that the United States passed the Status of Forces Agreement, which gave diplomatic immunity to American military personnel for any crimes committed on Iranian soil. Iranians were incensed. Ayatollah Khomeini developed a vast public platform from the issue and eventually became the leader of the Iranian Revolution, instituting sharia. Obviously, the results of that history continue today.

So she’s listening to the book on Middle East policy, and she’s digging into her childhood memories, and she’s bringing flowers to a particular corner in the cemetery, where her mother is buried and where she herself has a plot of her own. “And I’m taking pictures, for some reason. Largely because I know that when I move away, if I have these pictures I will still be able to visit her grave.”

A book, a box of dolls, a marker in the ground, a handful of flowers. Her own car. Her own body. Suddenly, unexpectedly, Sherry Kramer found that she was writing a play full of magical objects. And she was a magical object in it as well.

There must be some way to understand the death of a loved one, of your mother, the person who made you. There must be some way to understand how we have gotten to this point with the earth.

Sitting together at Cafe Mundi, she pulls out her iPhone and shows me the grave on Google Maps. Google uses satellite photography to generate these maps, and Kramer actually found her own vehicle in the photograph of the street. She points to the image. “I believe it’s me pulling into the cemetery, because it’s a black car. And no one goes into the cemetery but me.”

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quickly than I’ve ever written anything. It was a lot of research, too, so it was like writing like a 17-year-old.”

The play has had a fast but celebrated developmental history. It was selected for the 2005 PlayLabs festival at the Playwrights’ Center in Minneapolis and then the Bay Area Playwrights Festival and Ojai Playwrights Conference, both in 2006. That same year, while teaching at the Michener Center, she presented an early draft of the play through the UT Department of Theatre & Dance. It became one of the Top 10 theatrical moments of the year for *Chronicle* Arts Editor Robert Faires. By the fall, she had lined up the premiere at Humana.

Kramer talks about the way the text came together: “Sometimes when you have three things that you’re doing at the same time, it’s like a triangle, and something happens, a relationship starts.” It’s also as if she’s talking about this Austin production, which stars Barbara Chisholm, who is also co-producing with the help of the Rude Mechs. (Full disclosure: Chisholm is a Food writer for the *Chronicle* and

is married to *Chronicle* Arts Editor Robert Faires.) The play is directed by Katie Pearl, with set design by Michael Raiford and visual elements by Lowell Bartholomee. It’s sort of a dream team that feels almost preordained. Kramer had Chisholm in mind as an actor from the start, although she initially performed all the public readings herself. While in Minneapolis for PlayLabs, she had lunch with another former Austin resident, playwright Carson Kreitzer, who said to Kramer, “There is this actor in Austin that would be wonderful for this piece.” She was talking about Chisholm. Then, Raiford was headed to Humana in 2007, and Chisholm suggested he make sure to see the production there. He came back saying, “I thought about you.” Both of them had thought about Katie Pearl. Pearl had read the play and was thinking, “Oh, my God, I hope she asks me to direct.”

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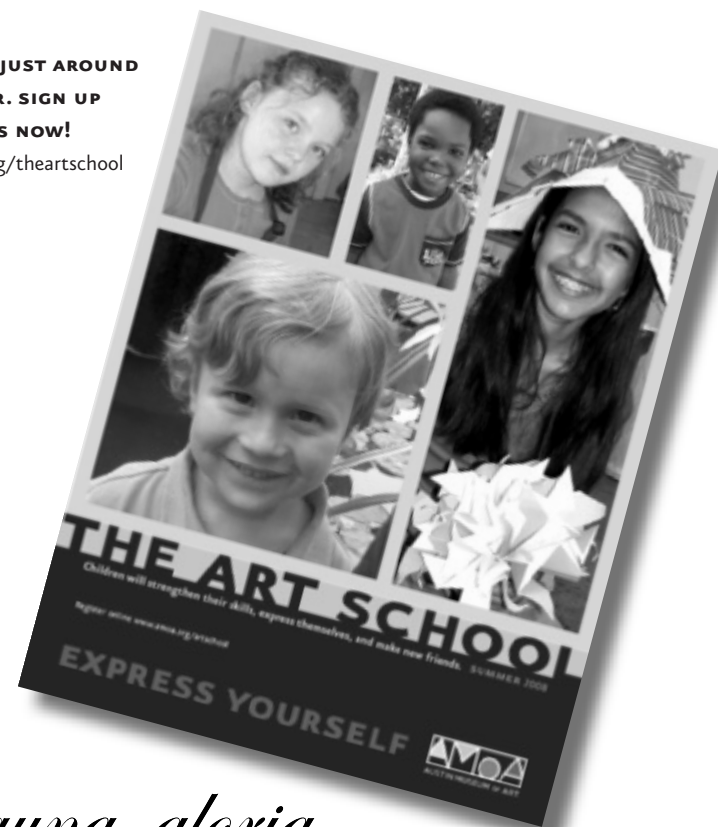
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Barbara Chisholm with Barbie in her Enchanted Evening gown

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Barbie has been around for 50 years. She is iconic, ubiquitous, a clear signifier of the American baby boomer childhood. She is made, however, in Japan and influenced by Germany. ("Oddly enough," notes Kramer, "our two primary enemies in World War II.") And as a mass-produced piece of plastic, she contains petroleum products.

"We all have magical objects from our childhood," Kramer says. "The thing about the Barbie

Kramer and I have a 30-minute experience with the Rotozaza performance of *Etiquette*, and we discover that the small figurines are references to the Henrik Ibsen play *A Doll's House*. We have to use the figurines to act out a short scene, and even though Kramer has an almost visceral dislike of Ibsen, she stuck it out, and by the end, we are both a little bit exhilarated. I wipe the droplets of water off my cheeks. We put all the figu-

"We all have magical objects from our childhood," Kramer says. "The thing about the Barbie is that she is a magical object that so many millions of people shared. So that you can tell your own story and you're telling the story of so many other people as well. It turns women, everyone near my age and younger, into this community."

Pearl has only recently relocated back to Austin from several years living in New York, but she has a powerful track record in the local theatre community, having collaborated with writers like Lisa D'Amour and Steve Moore. Both are also fascinated with magical and often inexplicable objects – kitchen implements, say, or a vast number of dead leaves.

Pearl and I met at a different local cafe. The waiter forgot about her small chicken salad and so brought her a bigger one. Pearl has a way with objects, also. "The way that

I enter into plays and start understanding them is keep asking why of the play," she explains. "My assumption is that the playwright is pretty smart and has reasons for doing what she's doing and that it's sort of a detective job to figure out why. So then I start thinking of why – not only why she's talking about the history of oil and why she's talking about her mother's death at the same time, but what are the charged moments of transition? – I assumed that Barbie was the bridge."

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Suddenly, unexpectedly, we realize what era it is that Barbie comes to signify: It is the end of the era of cheap oil.

rines, the blue tack, the vial of blood, which was really only fruit juice, back to their rightful places, in preparation for the next audience participants.

Kramer walks back toward her car. She now drives a hybrid.

"The objects interact in the world with us," Kramer says. "The play gives that normal part of our lives back to us, transformed." ■

When *Something Wonderful Ends* runs May 15-June 1, Thursday-Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 5pm, at the Off Center, 2211-A Hidalgo. For more information, visit www.rudemechs.com.



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TAKE ME AWAY! It's just too much, sometimes. Yes, even I get burned out. This past week I laid low socially ... publicly, anyway. I just wanted a five-day Calgon bath to take me away. But of course, this season particularly, it seems like we're *all* in overdrive, doesn't it? I think we should all have a spa day together – you know, just you and me. We'll get pedicures and facials and girl-talk all day. Perhaps we can schedule that for, hmmm ... looks like my first opening is in July. Okay, well, I'll pencil you in. I did make it out Friday night. Friends brought a limo, and we shuttled from one party to another. I felt so, I don't know, so comfortable in a limo, like there should be one waiting for me 24/7. It's just not fair that **Miley Cyrus** has one and I don't. We went to see the **Edward G. Vormann** solo show at **Gallerie Jean Moulin**, a stylish space that showed off Vormann's many styles. In fact, the whole party was stylish, from the food to the

charming French band that played in the corner. But it was, of course, Vormann's work that got the attention – dark, exotic, even dangerous women in brilliant color and deep shadows. He presents them in multiple styles. My entourage and I then swooped in on **Pamela Des Barres'** housewarming party for her good friend **Jimmy Quills**, who is a new resident of Austin in a faaabolous farmhouse that's so near yet seems so far out. Like Mme. Des Barres herself, whose relatively frequent jaunts to Austin may foretell a longer stay in the future. Afterhours was at my house – *all* hours, it seemed like. Slept a little, got up, took care of business, and laid down for a nap around 2pm. A nap which I awoke from at 5am Sunday morning, having stood up my glamorous new friend **Jessica McMillen** for the **Jackie Beat** show at the **United States Art Authority**. Damn, I wanted to see her ... them, I mean: Jessica and Jackie.

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COURTESY OF EDWARD VORMANN

Edward G. Vormann's *Aurora*, pastel on paper, on display at Gallerie Jean Moulin.

AGENDA Tonight, Thursday, May 15, 8pm at the **Off Center**, two of my favorite icons collide: **Barbie** and the one-woman-wonder known as **Barbara Chisholm** in **When Something Wonderful Ends**. Whatever these two dolls do is gonna be dynamite.

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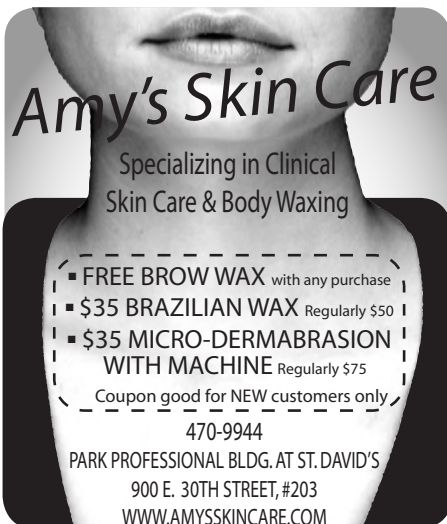
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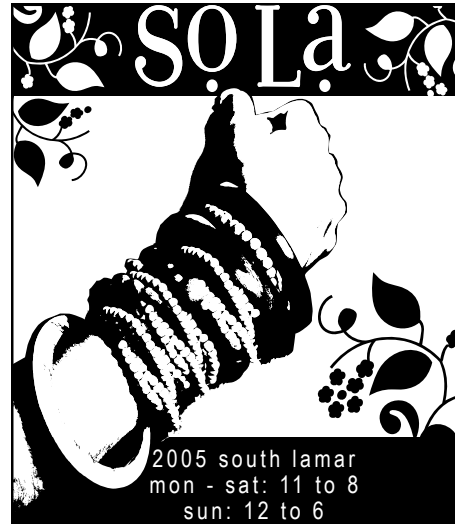
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Half a World Away, and at War

One reporter's journey from Odessa, Texas, to Kinshasa, Congo

BY KIMBERLEY JONES

The Odessa-born journalist Bryan Mealer knew he didn't want a desk job, but he never imagined he would stumble into covering the shockingly underreported war in Congo — the death toll of which would eventually outpace that of any other conflict since World War II. In his new book, *All Things Must Fight to Live: Stories of War and Deliverance in Congo*, the University of Texas graduate and former *Chronicle* contributor lays out in clean, concise language a conflict largely misunderstood, even forgotten, by most. This isn't distanced reportage but rather an immediate, personal, and harrowing account of one journalist's trial by fire. Via e-mail and just hours before he headed to San Antonio for the Texas leg of his book tour, Mealer told me a little bit about how he landed in Congo and what kind of psychological toll it took on him.

Austin Chronicle: You describe the decision to move to Africa with your future wife almost as a lark (albeit a very romantic one). Why Africa, specifically?

Bryan Mealer: I was working at *Esquire* magazine when the World Trade Center collapsed and rushed down there to write stories. After we went to war in Afghanistan, I worked closely with all the great war reporters on the magazine's roster — guys like Scott Anderson, C.J. Chivers (a former Marine captain and reporter for *The New York Times*), and John Sack, who'd covered every war for *Esquire* since Vietnam. But at the end of each day, I was still sitting at a desk in Midtown Manhattan, while these guys were out reporting on the world changing around us. I wanted to be part of that, be part of something. I thought about just showing up in Afghanistan, Gaza, or Israel but had no money or contacts, not even a flak vest. Plus I was just nervous about making that kind of leap. I started dating Ann Marie, who was already planning to go kick around in West Africa, riding buses, hiking, writing. One night in a bar, we decided to just go together. We'd been dating three weeks. Well, the war broke out in Abidjan, Ivory Coast (where we'd

planned on basing ourselves), in 2002 and scrapped those plans, so we decided on Nairobi instead.

To me, Africa was the perfect place I'd been looking for. There weren't a lot of reporters and so many underreported stories. I'd decided I would write about AIDS and travel to exotic locals such as Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Zanzibar and write travel stories, just like Bruce Chatwin or someone. But two months into Nairobi, I ended up going to Congo, which was never, never on my radar. Congo was dense jungle, lost-looking rivers that snaked into nowhere. Guys like me disappeared in places like that.

AC: Did you know early that you wanted to be a journalist — and not the desk kind? And when you kept returning to Congo, after witnessing terrible atrocities and experiencing close calls with death, how did you rationalize it to your family (and even to yourself)? Do you feel a moral responsibility to report? Is there a danger-seeking compulsion there at all?

BM: I've always wanted to be a writer, and journalism just allowed me to do it and be paid. And I started enjoying getting out and talking to people and soon realized that real life was much more exotic and captivating than anything I could make up on my own, and the greater challenge was getting out and finding those stories. Back at my desk at *Esquire*, I'd been looking for something, looking to be part of something greater than myself, looking for something to sink myself into and work my way out. That's what makes a good writer, I thought, total surrender. And I ended up, almost by accident, going to Congo to cover a massacre where as many as 1,000 people had been butchered in under three hours. After trekking to this village and meeting the survivors — some missing their arms, legs, barely hanging to life — and realizing I'd stepped into this lost and forgotten war where millions had already died, I knew that Congo was what I'd been looking for. I gave myself over, and I'm just now climbing back.

I don't consider myself a danger junkie, and I tried to avoid danger whenever possible. Sometimes you accidentally find

yourself caught in the middle of violence and must work your way out. This happened to me several times. I justified this, and the horrible things I ended up seeing and writing about, because I was telling a story that few people were telling. And as I said, I'd given myself over to it, and it was all I ever thought about.

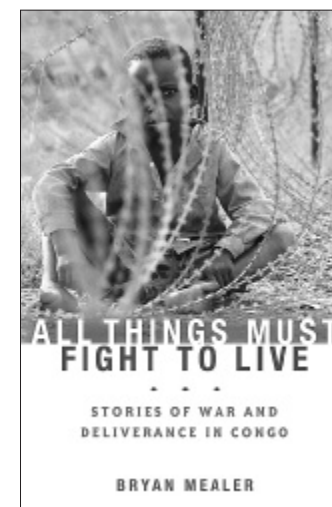
I was fortunate that Ann Marie understood and encouraged me through every step of the journey. There were spans of eight, 10 months when we didn't see one another. Yet we managed to stay together and are now married. As far as my family in Texas, I told them as few details as possible, just so they wouldn't worry. But they end up reading the stories anyway.

AC: It's obviously an incredibly emotional read — on page 2, you're describing horrific tribal warfare. What was the process of writing the book like — did you dive in as soon as you came home for good, or did you let it sit with you for a while?

BM: After covering the massacre at Drodro, I'd narrowly escaped another siege in the town of Bunia, where I'd based myself to do my reporting. I'd returned the following week to find the town laid to waste, bodies everywhere in the roads, the population living in a squalid camp.

I originally wrote this story as a magazine piece for *Esquire* (which *Harper's* eventually published). After it was all done, I'd come home to this empty house in Nairobi and tried to sort out all the tangled webs of tribal affiliations, militia leaders, and the war in general, and it ended up reading like some academic paper. My editor at *Esquire* really encouraged me to get closer to the story, to write it as if it had taken place in Cleveland, not Africa, because people tend to automatically glaze over when it comes to that place. So I did that and ended up putting myself into the story because it was the best way I could tell it. I'd also taken all these photos of dead people on the streets of Bunia and plastered them on my walls as some kind of vigil or freak totem, then wrote that story about 12 different times. In the end, all the violence and emotion was there, just as I'd experienced it, and I think it allowed for people to gather a greater understanding of the situation in general. Instead of telling them a story, I tried putting them on the red-dirt roads themselves.

AC: What's next? Do you want to keep doing field reporting?



BM: You know, after covering that massacre and the fall of Bunia, I returned to Kinshasa the following year as the AP correspondent, covering much the same material. I did that for a while, then decided to distance myself from war and suffering and go in search of something else, some kind of revival. The war had mostly ended in Congo (which is three times the size of Texas), yet I'd mainly focused myself in those places where violence was still taking place. So a few months later, I set off on a barge up the Congo River,

just like Joseph Conrad in *Heart of Darkness*, a journey that took one month, then rode a bicycle eight days through the jungle. The whole trip nearly broke me in half, and I wound up finding only the same degree of suffering in the jungles as I did in the war zones, except these people had simply been forgotten. I later took another journey cross-country on Congo's old Belgian-built railways. That trip was much better, and I finally found what I was searching for, a bit of hope. And that's how my book ends.

I'm now writing another book with a 20-year-old Malawian kid who builds windmills out of old tractor parts and blue-gum trees and powers his village. It's inspirational and hopeful, and exactly the remedy I needed after Congo.

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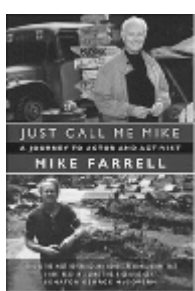
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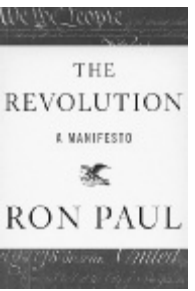


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Mike Farrell can be seen almost every day in reruns as the likable B.J. Hunnicutt on *M*A*S*H*. This honest autobiography talks not only of his acting days at the 4077, but also the role he has played throughout his life as an activist for human rights and peace. Farrell is the president of Death Penalty Focus, and this event is being co-sponsored by the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Join BookPeople tonight at 7 PM to learn more about this actor and activist.


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2008 AUSTIN CHRONICLE RESTAURANT POLL

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Though the winners in some national and local political races remain unknown at this point, we can tell you for sure what *Chronicle* readers think about local restaurants. The votes in our annual Restaurant Poll have been tabulated, and the sea change suggested by the results of the past two years definitely continues. For the third year in a row, **Uchi** reigns supreme. The trendy Austin hot spot with a national reputation garners the most votes in the same categories as last year – Best Restaurant, Sushi, Japanese, and Best Chef – shares the title for Best Decor with **Fonda San Miguel**, and scores runner-up and honorable mention slots in several other categories.

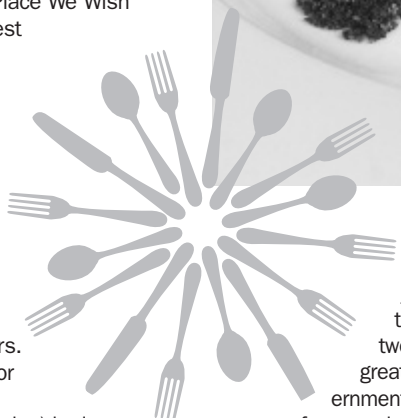
There's another shake-up in the leaderboard this year, with **Cibo**, **Wink**, **Lamberts**, and **Fino** all cracking the Top 10 for the first time. In addition, Fino and Wink are first-time winners for Best Appetizers and Most Romantic, respectively. (Though Cibo came in at No. 2 overall and posted strong showings for Best Italian and Best Chef, it seems those votes somehow didn't translate into dollars. Chef Will Packwood closed the Congress Avenue Italian restaurant at the end of April, making this the third time in 10 years Packwood's singular and uncompromising culinary vision has failed to find broad enough customer support among Austin diners to stay in business.)

Newcomer **Imperia** is all over the poll, winning Best New Restaurant, Best Service/Waitstaff, Best Other Asian, and showing strong in many other races. Though the upstart **Sazón** didn't win in any one category, it too evidenced plenty of across-the-board voter support, while one of last year's most popular contenders, Coco's Cafe, is completely missing in action this year. This year's Phoenix Award would have to go to **Mother's Cafe & Garden**. They literally rose from the ashes of Place We Wish Were Still Open last year to win Best Vegetarian and Best Veggie Dish, plus several honorable mentions in 2008. There are upsets in Best Desserts, where **Tèo** wrested the top spot from longtime winner Chez Zee; in Best Bread, where the in-store bakery at **Whole Foods Market** beat out all the local bakeries for the first time; and in Best Coffee, where homegrown **Austin Java** finally knocked off megachain Starbucks. We are gratified to see the diversity of responses in this year's three new poll categories – Best Street Food (**Hey Cupcake!**), Best Local Chocolate (**Miles of Chocolate**), and Best Mixologist (**Fino's Bill Norris**) – and congratulate those winners, along with all the others.

Once the readers had spoken and Special Issues Editor Kate X Messer and her crack team of tabulators (Angela Armstrong, Meghan Ruth Speakman, and Richard Whittaker) had



JOHN ANDERSON



compiled the results, it was time for our Food staff to weigh in. Contributing Food writers MM Pack, Claudia Alarcón, Kate Thornberry, Mick Vann, and Wes Marshall joined me in sharing our personal culinary highlights from the past year in the **Critics Picks** (p.49). Between the two lists, we're convinced you've got another year's worth of great dining suggestions to enjoy. Now take some of the government stimulus package money left over after you buy a tank of gas, and go spend it in an Austin restaurant! – Virginia B. Wood

Favorites

1 Uchi



- 2 Cibo
- 3 Wink
- 4 Vespaio Ristorante
- 5 Fonda San Miguel
- 6 Mars Restaurant and Bar
- 7 Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill
- 8 Eastside Cafe
- 9 Lamberts
- 10 Fino Restaurant, Patio & Bar
- 11 Austin Java
- 12 The Belmont
- 13 Botticelli's
- 14 Sazón
- 15 Trudy's
- 16 Chinatown
- 17 Imperia
- 18 Chuy's
- 19 The Salt Lick
- 20 Castle Hill Cafe
- 21 The Clay Pit
- 22 Maudie's
- 23 Chez Zee
- 24 Home Slice Pizza
- 25 Enoteca Vespaio
- 26 Parkside
- 27 Eddie V's Edgewater Grille
- 28 Z'Tejas
- 29 Asti Trattoria
- 30 Ranch 616
- 31 Mirabelle Restaurant
- 32 Hula Hut
- 33 Manuels
- 34 219 West
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► Check out the facilities and curriculum at the **Culinary Academy of Austin** (6020-B Dillard Circle, 451-5743) at the spring open house. Chef instructors will provide demonstrations and food will be served. Saturday, May 17, noon-3pm.

► The Slow Food movement was founded in Italy more than 20 years ago "to celebrate

rich and delicious food traditions that are part of our cultural heritage." What better way to do that than to partner with a local organic farm on a historic property and a local charter school that offers an organic Junior Master Gardener program? The **Austin Slow Food Convivium** (www.slowfoodaustin.org) joins **Green Gate Farms** (8310 Canoga, www.greengatefarms.net) to host a **Slow Feast-in-the-Field** to benefit science and gardening programs at the Austin Discovery School. Chef instructor **Gary Ackerman** and students from **Texas Culinary Academy** (www.tca.edu) will prepare a delectable five-course meal, with heirloom vegetables and pasture-raised pork from the farm, augmented by products from local artisan food and beverage purveyors. The evening will begin with a tour of the farm and the historic Bergstrom homestead (circa 1860s), and dinner will be served in a field of sunflowers. \$100 per person. Make necessary reservations at www.austindiscoveryschool.org. Saturday, May 17, 7pm.

► **Becker Vineyards** (www.beckervineyards.com) near Stonewall celebrates the 10th annual **Lavender Festival** this weekend. The complimentary event will include speakers, gardening tips, cooking demonstrations, wine tastings, several meals, and more than 30 concession booths selling lavender products, garden items, and unique gifts. Meals require reservations at 830/644-2681:

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Luncheon: Three-course meal prepared by Delicious Details, paired with wines for \$55 plus tax. (Sold out at press time; ask about a waiting list.) Saturday, May 17, 12:30pm.

Luncheon: Three-course meal prepared by Austin's at Rose Hill Manor, paired with wines for \$55 plus tax. (Sold out at press time; ask about a waiting list.) Sunday, May 18, 12:30pm.

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Artz Rib House

Hamburger Hut's Hamburgers

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Top Notch Restaurant, Sandy's
Frozen Custard & Root Beer, Dan's
Hamburgers, Phil's Icehouse

Steak Sullivan's Steakhouse

RUNNER-UP
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HONORABLE MENTION
Lamberts, Austin Land & Cattle
Co., Eddie V's Edgewater Grille,
Ruth's Chris Steak House

Comfort Food Hoover's Cooking

RUNNER-UP
Threadgill's

HONORABLE MENTION
Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill, Pluckers
Wing Bar, Dot's Place, Shady Grove

Chicken-Fried Steak Threadgill's

RUNNER-UP
Hoover's Cooking

HONORABLE MENTION
Hill's Cafe, the Broken Spoke,
Shady Grove

Hot Dog Dog Almighty

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Doggie Style



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Chile-Pepper Dish Chuy's

RUNNER-UP
El Chile Cafe y Cantina

HONORABLE MENTION
Fonda San Miguel, Sazón, Polvos

French Fries Hyde Park Bar & Grill

RUNNERS-UP
Phil's Icehouse, P Terry's Burger Stand

HONORABLE MENTION
Opal Divine's, Enoteca Vespaio

Chips and Hot Sauce Chuy's

RUNNER-UP
El Chile Cafe y Cantina

HONORABLE MENTION
Hula Hut, Trudy's, Polvos

Taco TIE: Taco Shack, Tacodeli

RUNNER-UP
Torchy's Tacos

HONORABLE MENTION
El Chilito Tacos y Cafe, Maria's Taco
Xpress, Changos Taqueria

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RUNNER-UP
Leaf

HONORABLE MENTION
Eastside Cafe, Mother's Cafe & Garden,
Houston's



Soup The Soup Peddler

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Central Market, Whole Foods
Market

HONORABLE MENTION
Eastside Cafe, Austin Java, Cafe Mundi

Seafood Dish Eddie V's Edgewater Grille

RUNNERS-UP
Uchi, Truluck's

HONORABLE MENTION
Quality Seafood Market, Imperia,
Gumbo's Louisiana Style Cafe

Pub Grub The Dog & Duck Pub

RUNNERS-UP
Fadó, Pluckers Wing Bar

HONORABLE MENTION
The Tavern, Opal Divine's,
Crown & Anchor Pub

Bagels Einstein Bros. Bagels

RUNNER-UP
Panera Bread

HONORABLE MENTION
Whole Foods Market, Austin Java,
Hot Jumbo Bagel

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RUNNER-UP
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Tofu Dish Veggie Heaven

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Mother's Cafe & Garden,
the Steeping Room

Dim Sum TIE: Tien Hong, Chinatown

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Draught House Pub & Brewery, the Ginger Man, Botticelli's

Decor

TIE: Uchi, Fonda San Miguel

RUNNER-UP

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Imperia, Chez Zee, Mars Restaurant and Bar

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RUNNERS-UP

Vino Vino, Mirabelle Restaurant

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Tim Brown at Botticelli's, Duc Dinh at 219 West

Beer Selection The Ginger Man

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Draught House Pub & Brewery

Buffet Star of India

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Place to Take Kids Phil's Icehouse

RUNNER-UP

Central Market

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Waterloo Ice House, Freddie's Place

Place to Take Parents TIE: The Oasis, Eastside Cafe

RUNNERS-UP

The Salt Lick, Shady Grove

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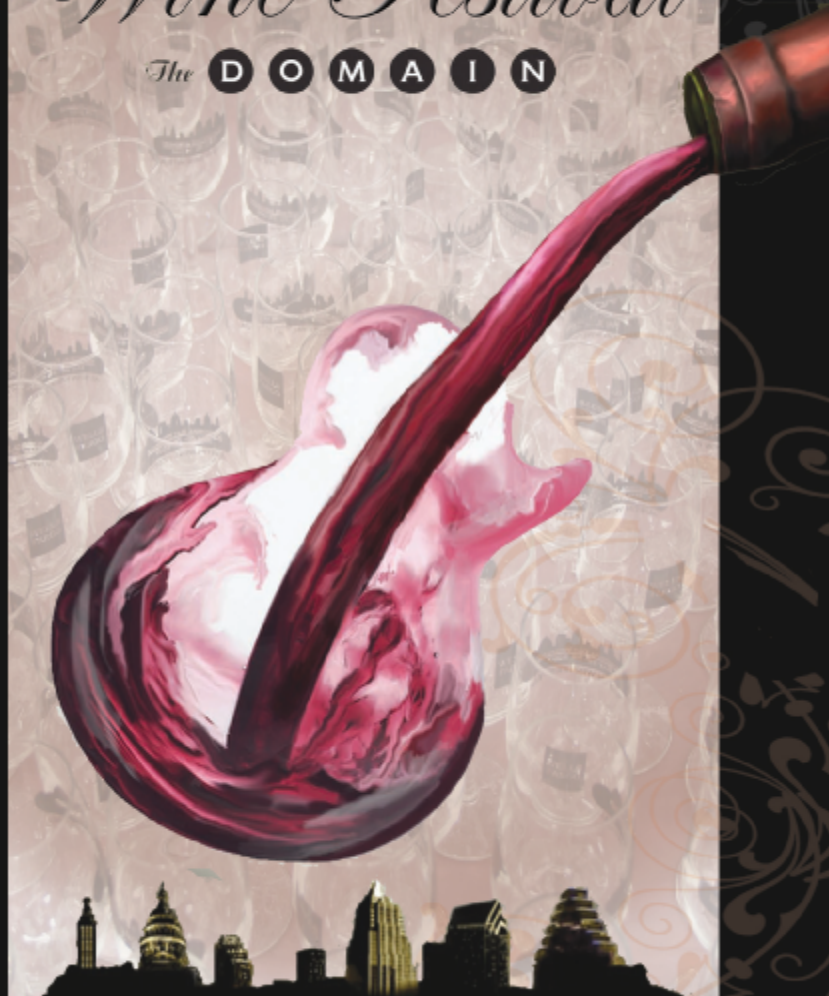
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Master Pancake Flattens 'Road House'

For love (of Swayze) and money (for cancer research)

Patrick Swayze has been good to local comedian John Erler. Tacitly consenting to Erler's gentle lampooning since 2001, Swayze lent his thousand-yard stare in *Red Dawn*, his hypnotic gyrations in *Dirty Dancing*, and his chillingly accurate Ronald Reagan impressions in *Point Break* to countless good-willed jabs. And in November of last year, when Erler (late of Mister Sinus) and his newest troupe, Master Pancake Theater, needed an appropriate movie for their Ritz debut, Swayze came through with his rough-and-tumble classic *Road House*, dropping truth bombs (as only a wayward bouncer-philosopher of the late Eighties can) on a new generation of intoxicated moviegoers. This month, Erler gives something back.

To express support for Swayze's current battle with cancer, Master Pancake reruns its loving mockery of *Road House* on May 16-17. All proceeds go to the Pancreatic Cancer Action League – a nonprofit that raises money and lobbies for pancreatic cancer treatment and research, as well as offers support for persons affected by the disease. Kidding aside, Erler sincerely admires Swayze and expresses concern for his current situation. "Not to get too sappy, but I love Swayze. It started out as an ironic

thing, but it developed into a real Swayze passion." Erler hopes the benefit serves as a small gesture of appreciation for an actor who plays a huge role in so many of his performances.

Cancer recently touched Erler's family in a very direct way, and the experience highlighted the importance of "helping out however you can." Two months ago, Erler's brother-in-law was diagnosed with leukemia. Erler explains: "It made me want to help. You read about people. But it's not until it's someone close to you that it really hits home – the big psychological and financial burden it has."

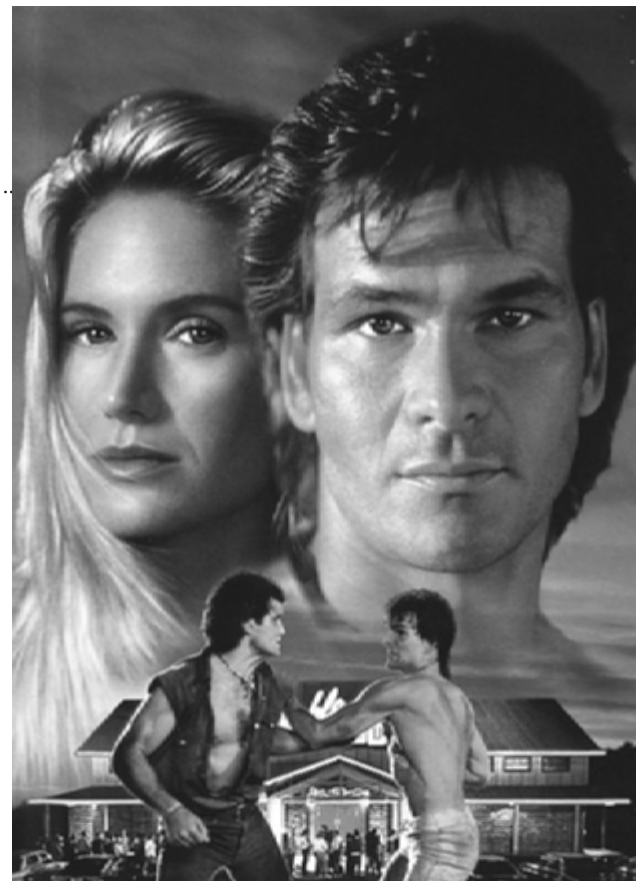
In Erler's favorite *Road House* scene, an Aqua Net-soaked Swayze imparts his bouncer's code: "Be nice ... be nice until it's time to not be nice." Erler's attachment to the scene sheds some light on his regard for Swayze. "That's my ideal philosophy," he explains. "Be nice, but there are some times when you have to kick some ass."

How do you know when to do which?

"Swayze will tell us."

– Ashley Moreno

Master Pancake: Road House takes place Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, at 7pm at the Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz. All proceeds benefit the Pancreatic Cancer Action League. To purchase advance tickets, see www.originalalamo.com.



IN PLAY

GRAND THEFT AUTO IV

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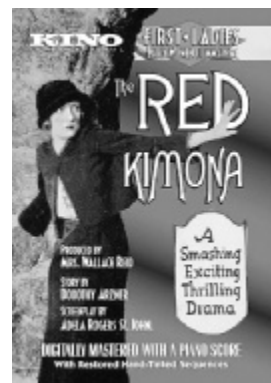
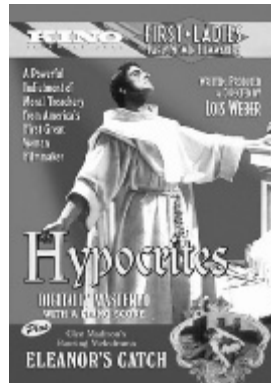
Video games might be the ruin of us all, but Rockstar Games' newest triumph, *Grand Theft Auto IV*, is the future. This is why box-office numbers are crashing beneath the weight of L. Ron's mother ship, and no, it has nothing to do with zombified teens glued to the small screen, surrounded by shag carpet and Mountain Dew, and refusing to leave the house. In the last decade, video games have told the story of humanity without shoving chiseled jaws and Botox shots down the gullets of the willful masses. *GTA IV* is just as much an artistic expression as the last dozen superhero movies. Or the last three Woody Allen films, for that matter.

When the camera zooms in on the permanent 5 o'clock shadow of main character Niko Bellic, there's no doubting that his lifetime spent in some anonymous impoverished village in Eastern Europe made this literally fresh-off-the-boat immigrant to Liberty City much more than just some lowly, psychotic madman on a killing spree. Sure there are hits to commence, and there is loyalty to prove. There's masochism and blasphemy and corruption, just like all the right-wing brainwashers corralled under Tipper Gore's wing would have you believe, but in addition to all that good stuff, there is an immersive storyline driving the game. Bellic hasn't come to this country just to try his luck at his cousin's perceived success; he's a man on a mission, and if it takes him five tries to snuff out Kenny Petrovic between trips to the slammer and the hospital in order to find closure, he's not afraid to try. And dammit if running from the cops at full speed down a winding street with an engine on fire isn't fun as all get out.

That said, *GTA IV*'s entertainment factor, surreal graphics, addictive storyline, and ginormous landscape aren't its crowning glory. Under all of the stuff we've come to know and love from the Rockstar franchise are layers of pop-culture references (Ricky Gervais personified in motion capture, Femi Kuti and Iggy Pop deejaying) and social commentary beyond the violence (Weazel News, "Your source for the War on Terror, weather, and sports!") that further engorge the game in reality. Sharp jabs toward the current administration are embedded within the myriad sounds of Liberty City. There's been a crackdown on crime, the government has suspended habeas corpus and saved freedom, and Hummers have overrun the streets.

GTA IV has accomplished what every film, TV serial, and news broadcast has attempted since the beginning of the Digital Age: The game has turned reality on its ear, poured a little sugar and grease on the wheels, and sped it up to 100 mph. It's the *Godfather* of the 21st century.

– Darcie Stevens



DVD WATCH

FIRST LADIES: EARLY WOMEN FILMMAKERS BUNDLE

Kino International, \$49.95 (3-DVD set), \$19.95 (individually)

Nearly 100 years ago in the 1910s, when the artistry and commerce of the newly invented entity known as motion pictures was still in its infancy, it was common to find women at work behind the cameras as directors and screenwriters – perhaps not in great abundance but at least in numbers that didn't require, like today, supermagnification in order to see.

Kino's bundle, *First Ladies: Early Women Filmmakers*, provides five examples of the work of some of these female pioneers. Available as a three-disc bundle, the package is also obtainable as single DVDs. All have been digitally remastered (although a certain amount of decomposition is evident throughout) and are accompanied by original piano scores. Lois Weber's *Hypocrites* is one of 18 films the Internet Movie Database credits the director with having made in 1915. The 50-minute film (feature-length in those days) is the most technically experimental film in this collection, although its pious underpinnings were another hallmark of Weber's work. Her work is best remembered for her topical subject matter, as in *Where Are My Children?* and *The Blot*, movies that addressed birth control and class inequality, respectively. In *Hypocrites*, Truth is represented as a fully naked woman. Also on this disc is "Eleanor's Catch," directed by and starring Cleo Madison. The 15-minute short is probably the most delightful film of the bunch, with a twist ending that might also be viewed as pushing a feminist agenda.

The Ocean Waif, directed by Alice Guy-Blaché, is another feature title from 1915. Although the film's overly romantic bent doesn't provide the best example of this pioneer's work, anything by Guy-Blaché is worthy of restoration. The film tells the story of an abused young woman who escapes her brutish father and finds love in the arms of a successful novelist. Paired on this disc is another feature, *49-17* by Ruth Ann Baldwin, a screenwriter making her directing debut. A bona fide Western, *49-17* suggests that many of the genre's hallmarks were already well-established by 1917, the time of its making. On a disc by itself is *The Red Kimona*, an 80-minute-long drama from 1925 based on the true story of a fallen woman who murders her pimp. (The red kimona is the character's version of a scarlet "A.") It was produced and co-directed (uncredited) by Mrs. Wallace Reid (aka Dorothy Davenport), who came to filmmaking with the cautionary film *Human Wreckage* in the wake of her husband's death from a drug overdose. *The Red Kimona*'s story is by Dorothy Arzner, and the screenplay is by prominent journalist Adela Rogers St. Johns. Kino's website (www.kino.com) also provides program notes that help place these films within the historical record.

– Marjorie Baumgarten



Look, Ma, All Hands

Hammer & Tongs on why their Eighties-era childhood epic 'Son of Rambow' is the anti-CGI

BY MARC SAVLOV

Garth Jennings(l) and Nick Goldsmith

SANDY CARSON

- Pop quiz, hipster-cineastes:
 Hammer & Tongs means ...
 a) UK slang of ancient Celtic vintage originally forged by vigorously enthusiastic smithies getting it on whilst banging a gong.
 b) Ninety-six minutes of 24 frames per second of something to do with kids, guns, French wannabe-ninjas, and Richard Crenna.
 c) The pseudonymous appellative of two London-based filmmakers collectively responsible for your favorite Blur video; the rollicking, large-screen adaptation of Douglas Adams' *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*; your favorite R.E.M. video; and, best of all, the slyly endearing, Eighties-era childhood epic (and Fantastic Fest favorite) *Son of Rambow*.
 d) All of the above, and then some.

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Make no mistake. (It's "D.") Director Garth Jennings and producer Nick Goldsmith, aka Hammer & Tongs, have accomplished the very nearly impossible with *Son of Rambow*. They've crafted a comic masterpiece that triples as an exhaustively inventive look back at pre-Britpop, *Boy's Own* bollixing; the sudden, life-changing revelation of *art!* ... or Sylvester Stallone's *First Blood*, in this case; and a daring adventure so emotionally and artistically spot-on that both Margaret Thatcher and Serge Gainsbourg would be proud to claim inspirational territoriality.

It is, in its own uniquely brilliant way, one of the most entertaining films about edging onto the treacherous ledge of adulthood, via wits, fists, and film, since a youthful Stallone rained 400 blows on Brian Dennehy's backside 26 years ago.

The *Austin Chronicle* spoke to Hammer & Tongs at the Stephen F. Austin InterContinental Hotel in early April and learned there's more to drawing first blood than sweat and tears. There's also skills. *Skills on toast* ...

Austin Chronicle: So. Have you seen Sylvester Stallone's recent *Rambo* film?

Nick Goldsmith: We got invited to go and see the premiere in London, and Stallone came and introduced it, which was ... fascinating. Did we like it? Honestly? We're big fans of *First Blood*, obviously, because our film is somewhat based on our own experiences of seeing it. And it was an amazing film because he played this brilliant character who could survive in the woods with just a stick and a stone. I was a big fan of the first film, and then as parts 2 and 3 progressed, I lost a bit of interest. It became a mad killing spree, which is fair enough, and some people love it, but the new *Rambo*, to us, really seemed to follow a very bloody path. There's some amazing killing in it, but ...

Garth Jennings: I found it deeply unpleasant; I really did. I found myself squirming a lot, you know, seeing children and women being shot. I can live without those images.

Goldsmith: Absolutely.

AC: What sort of films were you into when you were the same age as the kids in *Son of Rambow*?

Jennings: I think there was a whole generation of us who grew up watching *Star Wars* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and, geez, you know, it was incredible! It was only much later that we sort of branched out and started seeing other types of movies. I vividly recall the first film I later enjoyed as much as *Star Wars*, which we had on video, and that was *Some Like It Hot*. I thought it was the best thing ever; I did. And *Yellow Submarine* – we used to watch that over and over again. But Billy Wilder's *The Apartment* is our favorite movie. That and *Sunset Boulevard*.

AC: Which pretty much covers every strata of comedy there is. That said, do those transformative, kidhood epics that Lucas and Spielberg created still hold up for you?

Goldsmith: I think a lot of them do. Especially *The Empire Strikes Back*, and the same with *The Goonies*, as well. And I was surprised that they'd held up as well as – for me, for us – they have.

Jennings: There's a lot of heart and soul in those movies.

Goldsmith: And there's an innocence, as well. The effects didn't look brilliant, but it didn't matter. Everything seemed to be a lot more for real. It was all done in-camera, with no CGI.

AC: CGI is something you eschew in *Son of Rambow*, to its immense benefit, in favor of a more giddy, "gosh, wow" sense-of-wonder. Not unlike your music video for Blur's "Coffee & TV," which featured the loneliest milk carton in the world.

Jennings: I think a lot of the time, we have been up against it, financially or timewise, and we haven't been able to go those conventional post-production routes. And it's forced us to come up with things that we eventually realized were far more successful in engaging the audience. We're not against using anything, and in the last year, we've pretty much used everything that's on offer.

Goldsmith: But it's purely on a selfish tip. I mean, it's a lot more fun for us to have a small man in a big milk-carton suit in a green-screen environment, with Garth and I shouting, "Run this way! Run that way!" compared to sitting behind a man in front of a computer screen and saying, "Um, can you move his arm up a little bit, please?"

Jennings: It is very interesting how much more fun it is to have things in front of the camera and how difficult it is to get men in rooms – dark, dimly lit rooms, with computers – to understand what you want. Apparently

we've got a knack for it, but I haven't quite worked out what "it" is, exactly, just yet.

Goldsmith: Seriously, we have nothing against CG. But it just comes down to that *heart* thing. I don't know what it is, and I wish I did, but there's something about looking at a CG-character – no matter how perfect it might be – it loses something onscreen. And *E.T.* is a perfect example of that. You knew *E.T.* was a rubber puppet, but it didn't matter because the character was so strong that you forgave it. And when they redid it digitally, and made him able to do all these other things, for me, personally, he lost a little bit of his charm.

Jennings: I think Nick's right. It's amazing how you'll just go with it if it's good, if the idea and the story and the characters are good. And the opposite is when R2D2 started flying around in one of those new *Star Wars* movies, with rocket-packs and pissing oil everywhere! What the hell was that all about?

Goldsmith: Exactly.

Jennings: I mean, the whole point was that this was a trash can that could barely get down a slope, right?

Goldsmith: Just because you *can* do anything, doesn't mean you *should* do anything. I suppose that's what we're saying about how we feel about using CG. It should have just as many restrictions as anything else. It often feels as though everyone's trying to outdo each other with the next best effect.

AC: Like a lot of other filmmakers, you both started out by doing your own backyard Hi-8 productions back in the day. The amazing thing is that you've managed to hold on to that afterschool sort of wonderment. Do you worry about the total media saturation the current generation of sons – and daughters – of *Rambo* are growing up in? Will instant access to mini-DV cams, iMovie, and YouTube – as opposed to inspirationally laborious stop-motion, matte-paintings, and miniatures – give way to more astonishing effects but less amazing stories?

Goldsmith: I don't think so, although it's hard to hold on to that "anything goes" creative spirit that we all have as kids, I think. One, either you stop doing it, creating this stuff, or, two, you get a little bit older and you start judging yourself. You begin to say, "It's not good enough," or, "It could be better." When you're a kid, right, you don't think that. What you're doing is what you're doing.

AC: Which nicely sums up *Son of Rambow*.

Jennings: I think it's really the fear of failure – the way people change, not the movie. And not to bring things down, but look, my son – who's just started school – his class made a bag for the parents to buy, and it had on the bag a little self-portrait by every kid in the class. It's a fantastic piece of work, it's really gorgeous, right? And looking at it, you realize: *Every single kid in this class can draw.* Right now, every one of them can draw. But by the time they get to 13, maybe only a third of them will be told that they can do it, and the others will have drifted away from it, thinking they're not good enough or whatever. It's not going to be some heartbreaking, torturous event for them, but it really is a filtering process. They think there's someone better at doing that, whatever that is. I think there's loads of people – millions of people – who are better at doing what I'm doing than I am ... but I just love doing it too much to want to stop doing it.

Son of Rambow opens in Austin on Friday. See Film Listings for review.

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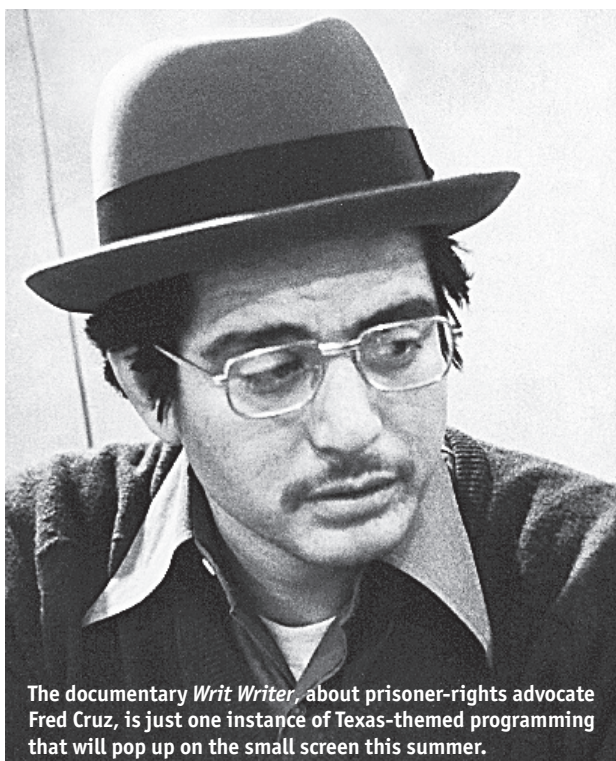
Tuning in to Texas

BY BELINDA ACOSTA

From the serious to the frivolous and points in between, Texas comes to the small screen in some old and new ways this summer, and in one case in particular, invites you to abandon your place on the couch and walk down one of TV's many memory lanes. Look what's coming up:

For foodies: Austin's Maria Corbalan, owner of Maria's Taco Xpress, is featured in an upcoming episode of **Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives**. The series features **Guy Fieri** traveling off the beaten path in search of fast food that is not mass-produced. The episode featuring the South Lamar taqueria airs May 19, at 9pm on the Food Network.

Get out your power Stetsons and Western-cut shirts: The **Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum** will open a new exhibit called "Dallas: Power & Passion on Primetime TV" later this month. The prime-time soap was a hit when it premiered in 1978, running for 13 years and appearing in syndication around the world. The exhibit will feature interactive stations, props, costume pieces, and memorabilia from cast members including **Larry Hagman**, who starred as the conniving and charming J.R. Ewing, the CEO of Ewing Oil and all-around gadabout. According to early reports, some of the more intriguing items on view include clips from the show in four different languages, as well as "Southfork Pilgrims," a short film about visitors from around the world who travel to the Parker, Texas, ranch featured in the opening sequence of *Dallas* in order to relive their favorite moments from the series. "Dallas: Power & Passion on Primetime TV" opens at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum on May 31, and remains on view through Sept. 14.



The documentary *Writ Writer*, about prisoner-rights advocate Fred Cruz, is just one instance of Texas-themed programming that will pop up on the small screen this summer.

ABC seems to be taking to the idea that the TV landscape is changing, and to remain competitive, they have decided to make some changes, as well. The news division is broadening how and where they get their news content, while trying to dig into the favored 18- to 25-year-old demographic by opening news bureaus at select universities. The School of

Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin is one of five programs tapped to house a multimedia bureau, which will allow students to report on stories in their respective regions for **Good Morning America**, **World News With Charles Gibson**, **Nightline**, **MTVU**, and other broadcast and digital platforms. The UT-Austin bureau will open in September 2008, supervised by broadcast journalism lecturer **Kate Dawson**. According to UT press materials, the 14-year broadcast news veteran worked at Fox News Channel, WCBS-TV, and ABC News Radio prior to forming her own production company, Dawson Films. Dawson joined UT's broadcast journalism faculty in 2006. The other universities selected for the pilot program include journalism schools at Arizona State University, Syracuse University, the University of Florida, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Later this summer: There are Austin connections to two upcoming films airing on PBS' **Independent Lens** and **POV** series. The first is **Writ Writer**, which premiered at this past year's South by Southwest Film Festival. It tells the story of prisoner-rights advocate Fred Arispe Cruz, who challenged and helped reform the Texas penal system in the 1960s. Local writer **Dagoberto Gilb** (*The Flowers*) wrote the narration based on Cruz's original diaries. *Writ Writer* airs in June.

The Last Conquistador, by John Valadez and UT alumna **Cristina Ibarra**, will air on POV in July. The film follows what happened when the El Paso City Council commissioned sculptor John Houser to create a piece honoring Spanish conquistador Juan de Oñate; there was a particular uproar among the large Native American community, who still talk about Oñate's gruesome methods of exterminating natives. "TV Eye" will take a closer look at *Writ Writer* and *The Last Conquistador* closer to their airdates.

As always, stay tuned.

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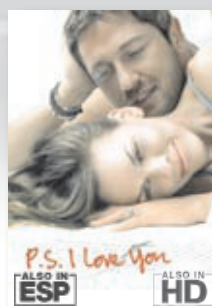
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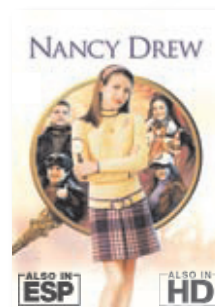
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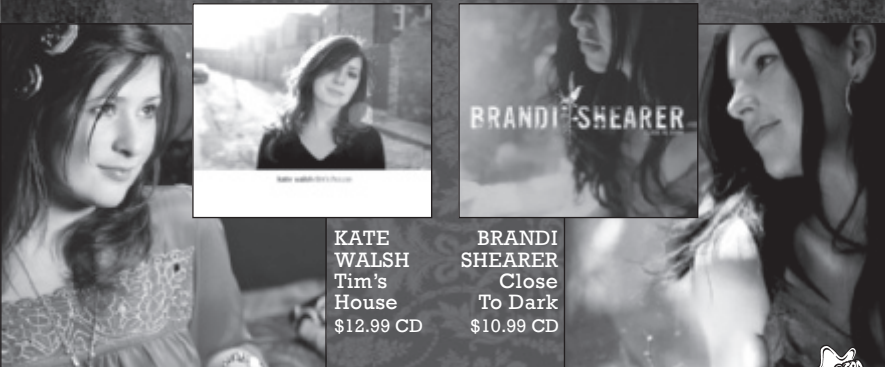
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SANDY CARSON

Return of the Shred: The Sword licensed "Freya" to *Guitar Hero 2*.

LICENSED TO ILL

Earlier this month, OTR was contacted on behalf of **Experience Music Group**, the California-based music licensing and publishing company responsible for placing Southern California's **Latch Key Kid** in Coca-Cola's 2008 Super Bowl ad. The group was looking for a local collegiate band "getting a lot of attention" and another indie act that "sounds like **Death Cab for Cutie** or the **Postal Service**." A similar enterprise, San Francisco's **Optic Noise**, placed local songwriter **Matt the Electrician's** "Valedictorian" in an episode of **ABC's** *Eli Stone*.

"Basically these companies push the music and then split the licensing fees," explains electrician **Matt Sever**. "It works well for both sides, as licensing an indie artist is a lot cheaper for the programs. Everyone wants to get in on it now. It's become the new hope."

The concept is nothing new, per se. In fact, former Austinite **Rob Thomas** routinely helped local musicians land their efforts on his series *Veronica Mars* (see "From Austin to Neptune," Screens, Jan. 13, 2006). As CD sales continue to dwindle, artists are increasingly looking at alternative revenue streams like commercial music licensing, which is roughly a \$3 billion market according to 2006 Enders Analysis data. One grammatically challenged local electro-pop duo, who remains anonymous due to

label conflicts, allegedly licensed a song to **Nokia** to the tune of \$75K. "I don't think that licensing your songs is selling out in any way," says **Josh Lambert** of the **Octopus Project**, which licensed "Music Is Happiness" to the show *CSI: NY*, *Tony Hawk's Proving Ground*, and the film *21*. "It enables bands to keep doing what they're doing."

The most growth in music licensing is occurring with video games. The groundbreaking, recently released *Grand Theft Auto IV* (see p.55) packs a 214-song soundtrack that allows players to tag their favorite songs and purchase them through a custom **Amazon.com** playlist. "It's like a huge ad for your band," says **Trivett Wingo** of the **Sword**, who, like Austin's **Lions**, has been featured in the *Guitar Hero* series. "We only agree to do things that are aesthetically appealing, but for many bands, it would be in their best interest to do these things just for the exposure."

Licensing deals vary drastically due to the nature of the placement and the commercial clout of the artist involved, but there is one constant. "Bands should always have a lawyer look over any contracts when licensing songs," Lambert says. "The legal aspect of things is an impossibly deep labyrinth that bands should avoid navigating on their own, if at all possible."

BROKEN RECORDS

If there's one thing the *Chronicle* Music staff takes seriously, it's record conventions.

Rhythmhound's **Spring Music & Media Show**, May 17-18, at the **Palmer Events Center** is already proving a bit controversial. "They're trying to replace me," bemoans **Doug Hanners**, who had to cancel the annual spring edition of the **Austin Record Convention** for 2008 due to surgery for liver cancer. "It's not going to be much of a show because they don't know what they're doing." "We're trying to broaden the scope of the typical convention," counters Rhythmhound organizer **Kathryn Roszak-Meltzer**. To that end, the event is producing live music on the hour and donating a portion of the event's proceeds to the **Town Lake Animal Center**. See www.rhythmhound.com for a complete list of events. Hanners' convention reconvenes at the **Crockett Event Center** the first weekend in October.



AUBREY EDWARDS

The Marked Men scorch *Emo's*, January 2006.

X MARKS THE SPOT

"Lo-fi is all the rage," **MTV's** **John Norris** declared recently in a segment that featured footage of punks **Jay Reatard** and **Tyvek** storming Red River staple **Beerland** during South by Southwest 08. The proclamation came as no surprise to Denton's **Marked Men**, who sealed their garage punk aesthetic with debut 7-inch "I Can't Be Good" on local imprint **Mortville Records** in 2003. "I hate the way a lot of modern music sounds," riffs guitarist/vocalist **Mark Ryan**, who moonlights in **High Tension Wires** with **Mike Wiebe** of the **Riverboat Gamblers**. "It's real important for us that our recordings have a lot of energy. I don't want it to sound glossed over or clean." The quartet is currently working on a new LP for Portland, Ore.'s **Dirtnap Records** and hits **Emo's** on Friday as part of the annual **Chaos in Tejas** festival (see Music Listings, p.96). The Marked Men's days in Austin may be numbered, since guitarist **Jeff Burke** is migrating to Japan in July. "The last time we played the festival, a friend of ours from Toronto stage-dived and ended up cracking his head open and having to go to the hospital," Ryan recalls. "This show has a lot to live up to."

THE GREAT GIG IN THE SKY

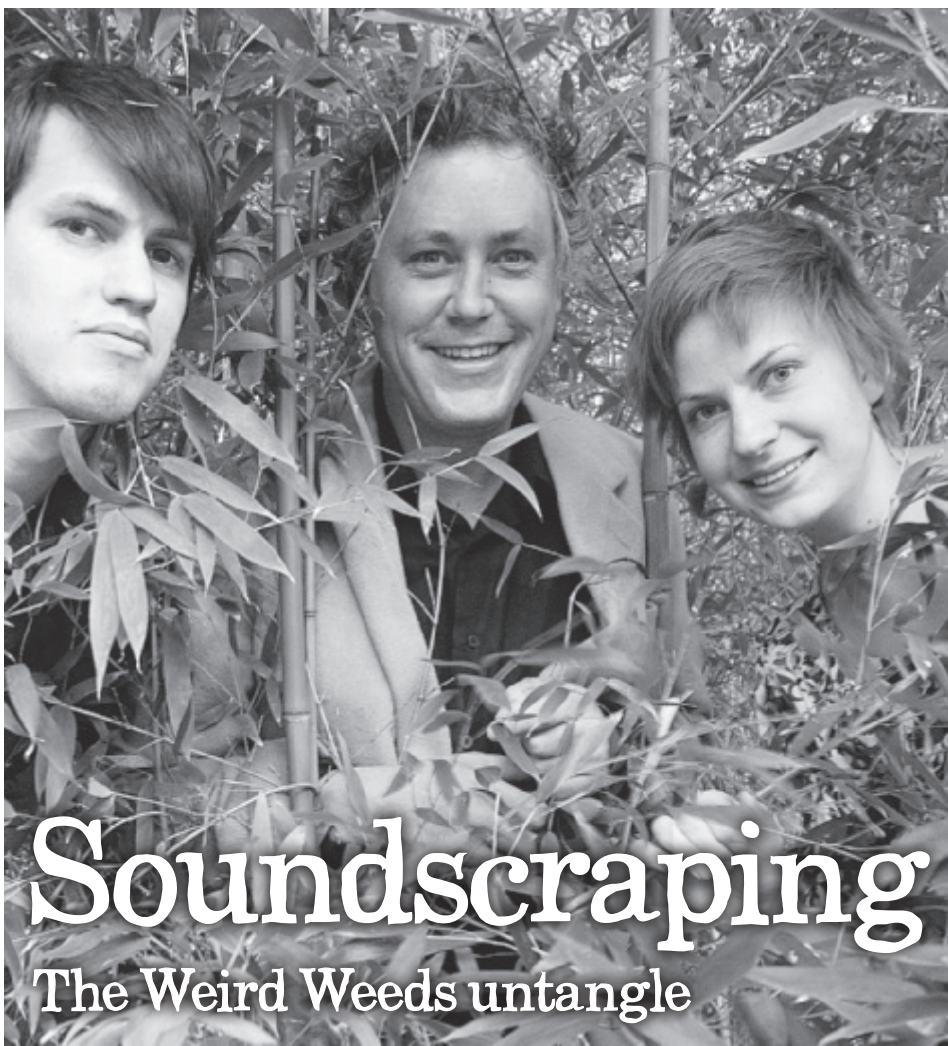
Every band gets asked what its dream lineup would be. Few get to make it happen. This weekend, local instrumentalists **Explosions in the Sky** curate and headline an **All Tomorrow's Parties** festival at the **Butlins Holiday Resort** in Minehead, England. "None of the bands were difficult to get a hold of, but there were some dream bands that we couldn't quite convince to get back together, including **Neutral Milk Hotel**, **Jawbreaker**, and **Bedhead**," relays drummer **Christopher Hrasky** from Berlin. Among those scheduled to perform are the reunited **Polvo**, **Ghostface Killah**, and nearly the entire roster of Explosions' label Temporary Residence, along with locals **Trail of Dead** and **Okkervil River**. "I have yet to see **Jens Lekman** and the **National**, but for nostalgic reasons, I'm probably most excited for **Dinosaur Jr.**," Hrasky confides. "I'm not sure if I would be playing music if it weren't for that band. It's sort of a dream come true."

GOING THE DISTANCE

The **Murdocks** have a simple motto for their live shows. "High energy with right notes optional," offers bassist **Kyle Robarge**. It works. From **Ruta Maya's** 1967 Hoot Night Happening to a recent opening gig for **Cake** in Georgetown and last Thursday's meltdown at **Antone's**, the local trio is causing quite a stir with its *Superfuzz Bigmuff* slant on Shinsian pop. It doesn't hurt that drummer **David Jones** usually strips down to a Speedo, either. "All of the songs actually start off slow and acoustic," says guitarist/vocalist **Franklin Morris**, the only original member from the group's initial incarnation in 2001. "Then I hit the distortion pedal, and it's like we're each trying to match each other's noise." The Murdocks embark this week on a 14-gig tour in as many days behind their lethal EP *Roar!* (Surprise Truck), before returning to **Club de Ville** on June 7.

SHELLEY HIAM





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BY AUDRA SCHROEDER

At the Tiniest Bar in Texas, late April, Weird Weeds guitarist Sandy Ewen sits Indian-style stage left; drummer/percussionist Nick Hennies is centered behind the kit, his lanky frame dominating it; and guitarist Aaron Russell sits on a chair with his legs crossed stage right. The local trio forms a line as they strum, scrape, and swirl melodies and harmonies to anticlimax. It's like watching an old roller-coaster car jerk its way up a wooden track before stopping at the top and leaving thrill-seekers white-knuckled.

"I think it's good to have less of an ego in this band," Ewen remarks. "We're not technical or flashy, and no one's really the center of

attention. We all have things that we bring, and I don't think it could be any other way."

"We've never sat down and said, 'We want to sound like this,'" Hennies adds. "We each come with parts, and either it works, or it doesn't. There's not a lot of jamming in our band."

"In fact, it never happens," Russell assures. "I'm just really not good at it."

Standing by a Dumpster behind the TBIT after the set, the group tries to explain how the ride works, though this last exchange is a good reflection of their working relationship. The Weird Weeds' music is challenging, yes, an exercise in tension and release, anticipation

and fulfillment. Imagine biting into a piece of layer cake, that sensation of your teeth sinking through each texture before the sugar buzz hits. Repetition, stretches of silence, strange soundscapes, and jarring drum-guitar interplay have marked the band's sound since 2004 debut LP *Hold Me*, which featured second guitarist Kurt Newman, who left after a year.

In the band's configuration as a threepiece, each member brings an individuality that spans generations. Twenty-three-year-old Houston transplant and University of Texas architecture student Ewen plays with Charalambides' Tom Carter in a band called Spiderwebs and has collaborated with Houston's MECA Improv Ensemble, with the nonprofit Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts program. Twenty-eight-year-old Hennies has collaborated with various Austin experimentalists and manned the kit for Jandek's first local gig at the Scottish Rite Theatre in the summer of 2005. Thirty-eight-year-old Russell, who's played in Deerhoof offshoot Theteethe and Nashville's folky Cherry Blossoms, acts as anchor for Hennies and Ewen. Such a makeup does not call for jamming.

As a testament to this unwieldy sound, the group titled its 2006 sophomore album *Weird Feelings*. It was a close listen, folk-dotted with moments of clarity but still floating above odd time signatures. Guitar wunderkind Ewen, both live and on disc, used a piece of chalk on her guitar to wring out those weird feelings, paired with Hennies' feather-weight drumming. Her design eye makes for an interesting approach to playing.

"It's more about sound and texture than melody," offers Ewen. "[The chalk] makes a bigger mess, but it has a purer sound to it. The notes are cleaner. Music needs to work second by second with sound and melodies but also as a larger composition like a song, a set, or an album. Architecture, likewise, is best when

the small details, the spatial relation and the relation to site or neighborhood, are each considered thoughtfully. They both have the same goals: to create a space and shape perception."

While *Weird Feelings* was recorded in literally two hours, the trio went into its latest, *I Miss This* ("SXSW Platters," March 14), with a little less direction and a lot more time. Over seven months, the piecemeal tracking and recording allowed for more creative tweaking, and this time the band did the mixing in the studio instead of at home. In turn, the sound is fuller and grander, and after a few years of touring, all three musicians have matured. Hennies' drumming became more rhythmic and muscled; Russell sang for the first time on the acoustic title track; Ewen found other ways to make sounds in addition to bows,

nails, and chalk, the latter of which had become something of a trademark.

As Russell relates, "experimental pop" is an apt description for *I Miss This*. Melody weaves through the textured snap of "Red" and the heavy epicness of "Lies" and "A Goose." Ewen's guitar is less the unsettling layer; instead, she creates dreamy thought bubbles that appear suddenly, like when she makes her guitar chirp like a bird on "Dream Songs." The

Weeds' words tend toward love and isolation, but the lyrics of *I Miss This* are particularly fixated on otherness. On charming, 1950s-esque opener "You Drive Me Crazy," Hennies and Ewen duet:

It's not so much what you do but what you don't do I like

Don't drive me crazy

It's not so much what you don't do but what you do I like

You drive me crazy

It's a simple inversion, but one that fits with the Weeds' musical obtuseness. Hennies agrees that they sometimes write love songs, just not *continued on p.64*

The Weird Weeds' music is challenging, yes, an exercise in tension and release, anticipation and fulfillment. Imagine biting into a piece of layer cake, that sensation of your teeth sinking through each texture before the sugar buzz hits.




(l-r) Sandy Ewen, Nick Hennies, and Aaron Russell at the Moose Lodge, and guarding the goal (among other things)



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the traditional way.
 “My lyrics on *I Miss This* are maybe a little less cryptic than the past two records,” he explains. “The subject of love isn’t necessarily a girlfriend, spouse, or partner all the time. It’s often boring for me to hear music where there’s no mystery, where everything is clearly spelled out. For everything we do, we try to make sure that everything is composed in regards to what the song needs, so I try to use lyrics I feel suit the music in some way.”

The band also went from California-based label Sounds Are Active to local Autobus for *I Miss This* and kept it DIY, an ideology strong within the Weeds.

“They have a very nice phrase for

it,” says Hennies of the label, home to Austin acts Brazos, Sunset, and Sparrow House. “An ‘artist-owned record label,’ which is a fancy way of saying we pay for our own stuff. It’s actually a great setup if you can afford to put out your CD, because all the profits go to the band.”

That will help on their upcoming summer tour, which the band is also self-financing. As they spin tour tales of performing for an audience in the singlest of single digits and playing in a freezing, unheated bar in Utah with snotty noses, it’s a nice reminder of that do-it-yourself spirit. They admit to sometimes listening to Books on Tape in the van, and it’s pre-

cisely such geek love the three share that supplies a canvas for the Weird Weeds’ innovative sound collage.

As the Dumpster dive suddenly turns to talk of gout, tuberculosis, and other maladies that seem to be returning from the Dark Ages, Hennies relates that one review pegged *I Miss This* as a “concept album” about love and loss. He adds that a working title was *We’re Gonna Die*.

“What?” asks Russell, snapping out of plague talk.

“*We’re Gonna Die*.”

Russell stops, trying to recall. “Really? I don’t know ...”

“No, we are.” ■

Spectres

When the original Church of the Friendly Ghost was exorcized from its Eastside neighborhood in 2006, its reappearance at Salvage Vanguard Theater last summer was a spectral promise of good things to come. A year later, what was once a weekly Tuesday night BYOB gig offering peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches has now spread to other nights of the week. Hosting everything from the Toneburst series of experimental music to more traditional local psych and rock groups, the Church and SVT offer a perfect center in which the old experimental Austin guard and the younger blood can cohabit. Church founder Aaron Mace puts veteran sound and visual artists Steve Marsh, Josh Ronsen (Brekekekexkoaxkoax), Rick Reed (who organizes the Toneburst series), William Meadows, and Alex Keller in the “near genius” category, alongside newer noise noteworthies like Thomas Fang, Brent Farris, and Carlos Villarreal (Quebron).

“There’s definitely been a noticeable flourish in activity, not only because we seek to showcase this stuff but due to the increased activity the Church series affords in general,” Mace says. “I think there’s a sense of common goals and community that’s really bloomed in the course of the last year. The vibe is more lively too, excitable.”

As an example of SVT’s importance, Mace cites three big shows that might not have had a venue otherwise: Dutch improv wonders the Willem Breuker Kollektief, Japanese percussionist Tatsuya Nakatani, and NYC’s the Claudia Quintet. The satellite scene that’s popped up at South First’s Opera House is another example of the growth in Austin’s experimental petri dish. While the appeal of such music in Austin and beyond has traditionally been a limited one, the Church exposes audiences to new sounds and provides a home for kindred spirits to gather.



“What we’re concerned with is creative music,” Mace relates. “That is to say, musically, what lies between the culture of bar venues and the culture of fine arts in Austin. I want the Church to realize the potential for its role as a community center and as a cultural archive. In the coming year, we hope to get a proper website up, begin recording and podcasting more performances, continue building a volunteer infrastructure, work more closely with other presenters to further common goals, build relationships with music educators to incubate ideas, acquire a grand piano ...

“The list of ambitions could go on until the sun comes up.”

Here’s a handful of the many acts floating out of the Church right now, with the artist’s own colorful description, in 20 words or less.

—A.S.

W-S Burn

MEMBERS Pixie (vocals, harmonium, wind chimes), Steve Gigante (guitar)

THE VIBE “Spaced-out, minimal, emotionally disarming, dark, warm, gorgeous songs sung by a red-haired witch who has recurring nightmares.”

Abigail und Hansel

MEMBERS Michelle Waterman and Joel Crutcher (guitars, vocals), Bobby Baker (guitar and bass)

THE VIBE “Those who can get past the gargoyles at the gates will find the walls crawling in a joyous spasm of liquid guitar shards and tales of waking.”

Venison Whirled

MEMBERS Lisa Cameron

THE VIBE “With very simple materials and using the physical aspects of sound, I’m trying to describe my experience of an inner landscape.”

Gary Barftits

MEMBERS Mainly Gary Barftits by himself, but recently a clan of men has been organized to assist him in a weight-loss show, including Jason Elinoff, Chad Allen, and Erich Ragsdale.

THE VIBE “Catchy, jazzy, subconsciously demanding, avant, progressive, artsy fartsy, nonrated.”

Low Red Center

MEMBERS Chad A, Isaac, Jason, and Matt

THE VIBE “Sets range from restrained, minimal synthproviation to all-out grating noise. We respect the unexpected.”

Bright Duplex

MEMBERS Matt Armistead and Vanessa Rossetto

THE VIBE “Hyperactive free improvisation. Percussion, strings, wood, metal, and onion peels. Loud, but we can be real quiet if we want to. Fast-moving, busy, busy world.”

Plutonium Farmers

MEMBERS Matt Armistead (drums), Aaron Dugan (electronics, drums), Jonathan Horne (guitar, vocals)

THE VIBE “What if Man or Astroman crash-landed at Rudy Van Gelder’s in 1950/60-something, brainwashed by Earth, people, and animal observations?”

James Eck Rippie

THE VIBE “Some say melancholy, a soundtrack to drowning/dreaming. Strange, spinning elevator bath music.”

Douglas Ferguson

THE VIBE “Douglas Ferguson reaches into the nexus of the place between contemporary electronic music and psychedelic free-form third-eye tweaking and shakes it around like a ceremonial rattle.”

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MEMBERS Liz Dromez

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GIRLIE ACTION

Here's **Eliza Gilkyson** and **Christine Albert**, two May goddesses with a taste of summer's ripe bounty to come. At the Austin Music Awards in 2006, Gilkyson stood before a packed house with an armful of awards and declared that she was proudest of winning Best Folk Act. So when she announces, "I am just a troubadour, a tried and true believer," on "Clever Disguise," she's reminding us of precisely that. Which isn't to suggest that the Mark Hallman-produced *Beautiful World* (Red House) is a folk album. It's not. More stylistically adventurous than the divine local songstress has been since hitting her stride with 1997's *Redemption Road*, her latest is still innately political in all the right ways ("Great Correction," "Runaway Train") but unexpected in the jazzy "Unsustainable." Yet it's Gilkyson the folkie who's Queen Midas, "Rare Bird," "The Party's Over," and "Wildewood Spring" tenderly evoking local names like Mambo John Treanor, all gleam with the golden touch. *Paris, Texafrance* (MoonHouse) is Christine Albert's third recording in her utterly charming series of French songs recorded in Texas, accompanied by husband/partner Chris Gage whose production polishes this little gem. Albert's French heritage and Texas heart lend a rootsy feel to the covers that include those of popular French composer Charles Trenet ("Swing Troubadour," "Ya de la Joie"). There's plenty of Edith Piaf for fans of the Little Sparrow with "Chante-Moi," "Hymne à l'Amour," and "Don't Cry," but Albert avoids tribute territory with unexpected entries like Jesse Winchester's "L'air de la Louisiane" and "Un Prince en Avignon," inspired by a Walter Hyatt recording of the French traditional. Gage's choice in using spare instrumentation – sometimes only a piano – with Albert's lovely voice enhances *Paris, Texafrance*'s warm summery feel. Many stars all around. – Margaret Moser

LEATHERBAG

Love & Harm
(Superpop!)

With eight songs in 25 minutes, *Love & Harm* could be classified as an EP. However, the songwriting sweep of Austin's Leatherbag, aka Randy Reynolds, is so broad and enveloping, it's an epic listen. This is his third EP following a longer-player last year, so maybe the short form is Reynolds' ideal. His tunes jump from the garage to the sound of summer and the back porch, each bristling with energy and vivid images. Velvet Underground rip "On Down the Line" opens the set full of chug and bluster, while pensive closer "Song to Simon" is proportionately subdued. The shift is remarkably sharp yet totally in character, a testament to the presence of a major tunesmith. Fans of like-minded mix-and-match popsters Brothers & Sisters and Li'l Cap'n Travis will find a lot to like on *Love & Harm*. If only there were more of it to love.

★★★★

– Jim Caligiuri



adds a slightly elegiac Gary Numan synth bed to Death Cab contemplation. If there's ever a sequel to *Garden State*, this might be a good place to start the soundtrack.

★★★

– Greg Beets

OLD 97'S

Blame It on Gravity
(New West)

Apparently the Old 97's have found a musical formula that works and won't deviate from it in this lifetime. Why fix what ain't broken? Empirically, there's not much broken here. *Blame It on Gravity* is a perfectly listenable album, pleasant and upbeat and likely to help sustain the Dallas-bred quartet's reputation as a scorching live band. "The Fool" twists and turns its way from Phoenix, never looking back, while "Early Morning" is a boot-stomping rockabilly romp. The faux-maudlin "No Baby I" is the narrative of a child-ish musician not willing to own up to his lover's tears, so he encourages her to blame them on being a girl. Feminist complaints aside, the problem with this seventh LP is that the Old 97's suffer from being too comfortable. Who needs to be innovative when you can take the same alt.country charm all the way to the bank over and over again?

★★★

– Melanie Haupt



BRENT ADAIR

Ostrich (Golden Stone)

Tangentially minded local singer-songwriter Brent Adair follows up 2004's *Pieces* with a homespun album of faraway themes. Streaming reflective, bare-bones folk-pop alongside lyrics that prefer the scenic route, *Ostrich* may be an acquired taste, but it's one of iconoclastic distinction. Adair and handyman producer Billy Harvey set the mood right up front with "Time Away," a wit-soaked spin on the old-fashioned sabbatical. Insomniacs everywhere will relate to "If I Could Sleep," a mundane laundry list of creature comforts that comes up painfully short in comparison to an elusive good night's shut-eye. "Untied" is an unflinchingly melancholic portrait of a relationship in disintegration mode, while "Inside Me" marvels in joy and befuddlement at how love can rearrange your insides. After all that, closing instrumental "White Fingers"



BOB SCHNEIDER

When the Sun Breaks Down on the Moon
(Shockorama)

You're never quite sure which of Bob Schneider's many stage personas you'll get with each new disc. One thing's for certain, though: He'll draw broadly from tested singer-songwriter forms without adding much distinction to them. *When the Sun Breaks Down on the Moon* finds the local cottage industry in total solo mode: Schneider is credited with writing, performing, recording, mixing, mastering, and producing yet with typically mixed results.

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ON THE DL

MONROE MUSTANG

The Imaginary Band, Regretfully Declines

Improbably so, Monroe Mustang shuffled ahead of the herd. From early Floyd through Low, sleepy, often methodically precise lo-volume pop fills in the footprints of louder classicism. Central Texas' mid-1990s movement – American Analog Set, Windsor for the Derby, and Austin's imaginary fivepiece, Monroe Mustang – carved out an intimate niche now standardized by digital independence. The return of the *Chronicle*-funded songwriting cell (three members currently employed by the paper and a fourth off in France) arrives on the download-only just in time to pad around in the early morning without waking the rest of the household. *Imaginary Band* acts as a decade-in-the-making follow-up to 1998 Trance Syndicate debut



LP *Plain Sweeping Themes for the Unprepared* and joins 2000 EP *I Am the Only Running Footman* and succeeding live set *De Avonden* with a carefully chorded jangle, each note just so. Brian Barry's sensitive stir rustles his fellow forest gnomes on starter "The Other Side," organ riding the muted plod of snare. Taylor Holland's note-wriving "Fenced In" opens into

the narcotic flutter of "Found Out," while the bang-the-drum (quietly) march of "Calling for Kings" segues into side two's opener, the gorgeous "Marie Antoinette" ("take the lift up to the scaffold"), which crowns the proceedings like Le Roi Soleil. The second half doesn't hold the listener's breath nearly as

compelling as the first, but the brooding playhouse "Stars and Flags" and "Waiting" ("hell is waiting for you"), whose steel-string build moves from single-digit ornery to aluminum-sided rattle, demonstrates that even imaginary bands must play on.

– Raoul Hernandez

COUNTRY MILE

No denying the twang of **Twanguero's** sophomore LP, *Big Bend*. As for the "guero," the local quartet's fiddle flavor is injected with surf-rock licks and Chris Collins' blazing six-string. Instrumental numbers outshine the vocals, the Twang gang winding spaghetti Western soundtracks in unexpected turns, from the squealing guitar solo on "Search and Destroy" to the island lilt of "Tiki Torture." "Mock Turk" lurches low and mean, and "Soul Stroll" kicks a swaggering cowboy jive. **Eddie Foster** cuts some twang of his own across the pedal steel of his debut, *Copano Bay*. At his best, the former Randy Rogers Band member hints toward the emotional pull of Jimmy LaFave ("Endless Game," "Giving Up Heaven"), a solid songwriter if paired with the right artist.

Dave Insley's third solo disc, *West Texas Wine*, pours a stiff round of classic country trucker ballads ("Exit 93"), family narratives ("Geneva's Gonna Leave Ya"), and broken odes ("Beatin' Ya Down"). Insley's rough-hewn voice spikes Conway Twitty's "Don't Take It Away" perfectly, while his backing Careless Smokers roll on Johnny Darrell's "Come See What's Left of Your Man." **Kimmie Rhodes** remains a credit to Austin songwriters with *Walls Fall Down* (Sunbird), the innocence of her voice softly infusing "All in All" and Townes Van Zandt's "If I Needed You." The bluesy "There's a Storm Coming" and stellar twist of Rodney Crowell's "Sex and Gasoline" contrast the more fey "Beautiful" and lackluster take on the Beatles' "The Fool on the Hill." Settling into their 10th year, Dallas' **Eleven Hundred Springs** serve up their fourth studio LP, *Country Jam* (Palo Duro), by leaning into their honky-tonk roots behind Lloyd Maines' production, dishing Tex-Mex ("Texas Afternoon"), Bakersfield shuffles ("Whose Heart Are You Breaking Tonight"), rockabilly ("Rocket 88," "V-8 Ford Boogie"), and George Jones' "Don't Stop the Music" with equal aplomb.

– Doug Freeman





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While he's toyed with Tom Waits touches in the past, here that persona appears in full bloom, with the odd syncopation and backstreet moods of dark blues "Long Way Down" and the steel-drum mambo "Slower Dear." Most puzzling is "Fist City," a funereal dirge with angry lyrics that the author probably intended as a joke. Ultimately, *When the Sun* plays like a collection of demos that shouldn't be judged too harshly, even though it continues Schneider's streak of underwhelming us with his talents.

★★ — Jim Caligiuri

NELO (Justice)

Since re-establishing their local roots last year following a stint in Athens, Ga., Nelo's built up an increasingly devoted following, testament to the lingering power of 1990s adult contemporary pop. The sextet's debut, cut at Willie Nelson's Pedernales Studio, is produced to a sheen, so smooth, in fact, that nothing sticks. Reid Umstatt's vocals, alternating between punchy and melodramatically soaring on songs like "Footsteps," work the overwrought, breathless urgency of Matchbox Twenty's Rob Thomas, though relieved of the angst. The chorus of opener "All Gone to Nothing" could jangle the radio alongside acts like Sister Hazel or Third Eye Blind, while the acoustic bounce of "Jumping Bear" and "Walkin' Around" crescendos predictably cheery, and "Another Day" drains Dave Matthews. The horns finally demonstrate energy alongside the funky bassline of "You Don't Know," although elsewhere, David Long's capable sax is wasted on innocuous soft jazz accents. Altogether familiar and forgettable.

★★ — Doug Freeman

KISSINGER Underwater (WCI)

After more than a decade together, plus two LPs and assorted EPs, Kissinger has assembled its most convincing work to date. The proceeds from winning the Austin Music Foundation's Incubator Award were



used to bring in producers Phillip Broussard Jr. (Weezer, Red Hot Chili Peppers) and Andy Sharp (Blue October, Sheryl Crow), and *Underwater* finds the local quartet at its crunchiest. Guitarist, songwriter, and vocal-ist Chopper has mellowed a bit with age; his melodies, though, remain full of right angles. Kissinger's sound continues to brandish clean lines, so the Cars reference still holds. Yet songs like the appropriately animated "Racist Fcker," the candid attitude of "Rock & Roll Ain't Cheap," and the clamor and shake of "The Valley" are appetizing slabs of fuzz pop. What Kissinger brings is nothing new, but when done with their uncontained verve and spiky humor, it's a sound that never grows old.

★★★ — Jim Caligiuri

GHOST OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE

The Mammoth (Thirty Ghosts)

Local quartet Ghost of the Russian Empire has managed a shoegaze homage without date or distraction. Debut LP *The Mammoth* swells dark and warm. Bounding away from the MBV pigeonhole dug out on 2006's great fuzz-bomb EP *With Fiercest Demolition*, the Ghost corrals those 1990s stalwarts with explosive opener "A Decade Without a Death," part shoegaze, part dance rock. The mindset of a guitar riff so hopeful yet so destructive is echoed in Brandon Whitten's oracular lyrics: "We will ensure a war for every generation and a rank for every man. The forecast calls for sirens." Drenched in deserving verber, the disc glows on cool ode "Hammer Hands," paranoid "Mandroid," and the cold chill of "Dresden." Suffering only from a bit of top-heaviness and subtle differentiation, *The Mammoth* strings along a collusion of fragility and warning, while again exclaiming the prowess of Austin producer/engineer Erik Wofford.

★★★ — Darcie Stevens

LUCID DEMENTIA

Trickery (Buried Productions)

Comforting to know that Sheldon Reynolds' veteran industrigoth freak out remains committed to peeling the tatty fishnets off of



bad, black reality and administering a sonic cat-o'-nine-tails to the post-millennial American blood-farce. *Trickery*, cranked up to 11, nearly nails the locals' live weaponized-puppetry theatrics and throbs with enough rusty iron hooks to sate even Uncle Frank's Cenobite fetish. Opener "Pie" sets a frantic pace, with Lord Byron Payne's paint-stripper guitar coiling around the thrusting, tribal percussives of Azil X, but it's Reynolds' trademark creep-shriek that scuttles inside your head and deposits its hatchery of nightmare-peeps egglets there. Uptempo shout-along "WTF" captures the zeitgeist and then paddles it pink and raw, while "Deadly Sally" nicks a page from Tim Burton. Pessimistic misfits to their core, Austin's Lucid Dementia derail the "Lies" that have resulted in "Billions for the War" with spiky sweet, perpetually pissy graveside panache. Dig in.

★★★ — Marc Savlov

TUNGSTEN COIL

Alpha Omega

An unknown quantity until winning Best Industrial Band at this year's Austin Music Awards, Tungsten Coil buzzed around the local electronica/industrial scene until reconfiguring in 2005 with a splashy stage show. No lights and fog here, and without attendant pageantry, *Alpha Omega* wobbles in its music alone. If TC's industrial clamor isn't nearly as punishing as the Skatenigs, or if their goth-electronica quota isn't as crackling as Lucid Dementia's, Tungsten Coil's classic heavy rock flexes muscle and bone on tracks "Prey to Me" and "Time" and in the dialogue samples from *WarGames* on "The Light." Eric Oberto's sonorous John Cale/Nick Cave drones give the band its brand, as does a taste of Tangerine Dream synth on the title track, but it's time to caution TC against too many Spinal Tap-like song and album titles and to — once in a while — growl.

★★ — Margaret Moser



BONUS TRACKS

BY AUSTIN POWELL

JESSE SUBLETT

Murder Ballads & Noir Capers, Part 1

The latest literary endeavor from the renowned Skunks bassist takes a midnight stroll through a graveyard possessed by the likes of Tom Waits and Nick Cave, spinning original tales of "The Headless Supermodel," "Tarantula Girl," and political disillusionment ("Baghdad Calling"). Sublett's gravel delivery underscores the lyrical themes, but only the stark, live, traditional "St. James Infirmary" will give you goosebumps. ★★★



DEATH IS NOT A JOYRIDE

The Human Zoo

Proceed with caution when encountering this menagerie. Helmed by the Paper Chase's John Congleton, Death Is Not a Joyride's debut magnifies the Dresden Dolls' various anachronisms, violently jolting from burlesque pop to more classically minded compositions, while the three-part "Willie the Gorilla" sequences from eerie trip-hop to chamber post-rock before melting into industrial girth. Don't pet the animals. ★★★



ATX UNDERGROUND

Concrete: Volume One (2BEntertainment)

Masochistic and monolithic, this grueling 18-song sampler marks the easiest entry point into Austin's industrial underground, but there's nothing here that sounds even remotely new or exciting. Relative highlights include Exit's aquatic ambience ("Understanding Our Razing"), the siren chill of Lust Murder Box ("Lesser of Two"), and Happy Panjoma's electroshock therapy ("Subaquatic Cellular Supersmile"). ★★



DRIVER F

Chase the White Whale

In the hands of TV on the Radio's Dave Sitek, Driver F's jittery, horn-inflected pop-punk could have conjured the angular energy of Foals. Instead, this young sextet's surprisingly consistent sophomore outing veers toward the vortex created by the likes of Fall Out Boy and Panic at the Disco. ★★★



THE WAILING WALLS

Long Live the Infidel (Almost There)

With their second LP *Long Live the Infidel*, the Wailing Walls stage a two-act classic rock opera steeped in the tradition of the Who's *Tommy* but with an alternative edge that recalls the Daron Malakian-led moments of System of a Down's double album, *Hypnotize/Mezmerize*. The nursing home characters confront death through compelling suites of bouncy piano pop, aqueous guitar, and orchestral swells. Bravo. ★★★

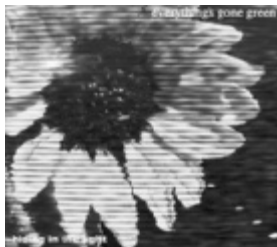


deEP end

Austin's incredible expanding trend hits the deEP end hard. What was once local quartet Noise Revival has multiplied to collective status with its debut EP as the 13-piece chamber experimentalists **Noise Revival Orchestra Experience**. This version of the EP released earlier this year, comes via a USB drive and features interpretative remixes by DJ Jester and Ernest Gonzales, accenting the band's propulsive, dual-drummer-helmed mix of trumpet, French horn, trombone, and anthemic guitar. Check "Last Breath" for a big ol' 1980s rave-up that comes out of nowhere. Another big group with brass tacks, the eightpiece **Everything's Gone Green**, gives a nod to the 1990s with *Hiding in*



the Light (Egg Recordings). It's a pleasant enough trot through Britpop ("Melodies Have a Shelf Life") and psych-bop ("When We See Beyond the Tracks"), and though EGG's trombones and flutes are a nice addition, straight-up guitar rock suits them a little better. **Canopy**, the project of videographer Praveen Ayyagari, expands as well for debut *Canopy/Anopy* (Autobus). The octet, with arrangements and guitar

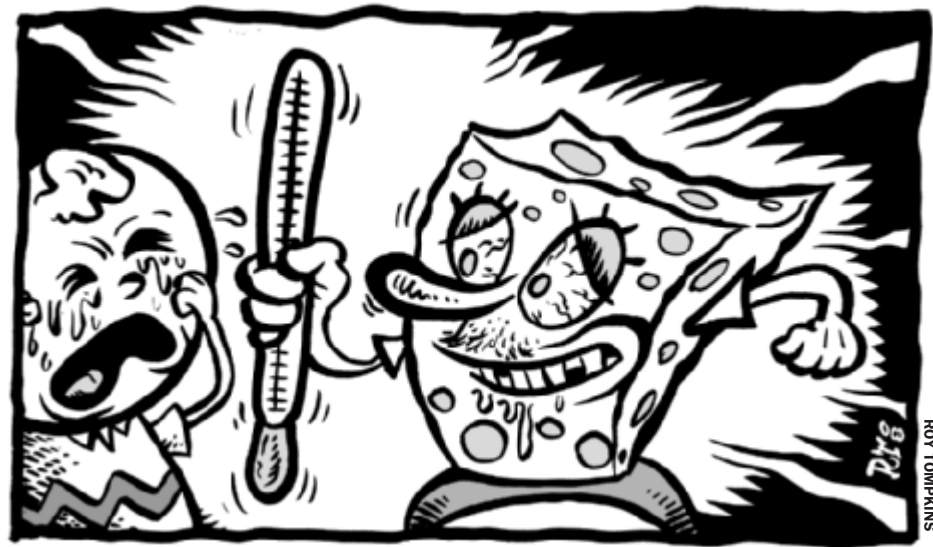


from Brazos' ubiquitous Martin Crane, turns out five well-crafted gems, including the Nilsson-esque "Everybody Trips a Little Now and Then" (with help from Tacks, the Boy Disaster's Evan Jacobs and Nathan Stein) and power-pop "The Listener." With the even more ubiquitous Erik Wofford behind the boards, this is an Austin sound that benefits from golden arrangements and collaboration. — Audra Schroeder



NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD



From Nickelodeon merchandising has come a *SpongeBob Squarepants Musical Rectal Thermometer* (which plays the *SpongeBob* theme that, the designer apparently imagines, makes the temperature-taking process less unpleasant).

LEAD STORY

Almost anything goes "ultimate fighting," also known as "human cockfighting," is a major "sport," mostly in Southern and Western states, but only in Missouri are kids as young as 6 permitted on the mats, according to a March Associated Press dispatch from Carthage, Mo. Members of the Garage Boys Fight Crew, ages up to 14, including one girl, regularly square off with only a few concessions in rules and protective gear from their adult counterparts. Parents seem to regard the sport as casually as they regard Little League or soccer, and sportsmanship is in evidence, as kids are still best friends, pummeling each other inside the cage but then heading off afterward to play video games.

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT!

- A highlight of this year's Easter promotion by the Jelly Belly Candy Co. (as additions to its 50 standard flavors) was its surprise BeanBoozled boxes, with odd tastes and non-standard colors. Although garlic beans, buttered-toast beans, and cheese-pizza beans, are no longer available, connoisseurs can sample jelly beans made to taste like pencil shavings, ear wax, moldy cheese, and vomit. A Jelly Belly spokeswoman told *Newhouse News Service* in March, "There are 20 flavors in each little box ... so you don't know what flavor you are tasting ... coconut or baby wipe."
- Los Angeles businessman Llewellyn Werner told *The Times of London* in April that he plans to spend \$500 million to build a Disneyland-type theme park in the heart of Baghdad, with the first phase (a skateboard facility, with 200,000 free skateboards to hand out) to open in just three months. Eventually, the

park will include rides and a concert theatre adjacent to the Green Zone.

- Questionable new product: The Japanese manufacturer Nihon Sofuken recently introduced a slightly peach-flavored drink called Placenta 10000, but *Wired.com* was not able to verify whether it contains actual human placenta (which is supposed to have miraculous regenerating powers for some parts of the body).

BRIGHT IDEAS

Among the notable offerings at the International Exhibition of Inventions in Geneva, Switzerland, in April were beer-flavored jelly (nonalcoholic) to spread on biscuits and artificial, removable nose hair (swabs of pipe cleaner for the nostrils to block pollen and dust). ("Most people do not have enough nose hair," inventor Gensheng Sun told the Associated Press.) Italian engineer Enrico Berruti said it was his personal laziness that led him to develop a bed that makes itself, with automatic sheet-shaking and straightening. Diane Cheong Lee Mei of China swore that her novel computer software employed algorithms sophisticated enough to enable the user to detect the gender of any e-mail writer.

ONCE A HAM ...

At a March British soccer match between Blackpool and Burnley teams, greyhound owner Jane Holland was escorting her retired dog Fool's Mile for a presentation when the crowd noise evidently energized the champion racer, who broke away. "[W]hen she heard the crowd, she was off," said Holland, and Fool's Mile circled the track four times before being restrained. Said London's *Sunday Telegraph*, the dog appeared to be reliving her glory days.

RECURRING THEMES

"Freestyle" dog dancing continues to thrive, at least in British Columbia (where the first organization sprang up in 1999, amassing an 8,000-person mailing list, as "News of the Weird" reported). A *Globe and Mail* dispatch in April noted that Gail Walsh's school for dog dancing, Paws2Dance, teaches moves like dog "weaves" around its human partner's legs and "backups," in which the dog sets its own paces apart from its partner. Holding the dog's paws and waltzing, as in at-home dog-dancing, is apparently tacky and nonartistic and thus never allowed.

NOW, WHICH ONE IS THE BRAKE? (ALL-NEW)

Elderly drivers' recent lapses of concentration, confusing the brake pedal with the gas (or however artfully they try to explain what happened): A Citrus Heights, Calif., woman, 81, drove into the ATM lobby of a Wells Fargo bank, injuring a customer (March). A Chicago Heights, Ind., woman in her 80s drove through a Dairy Queen (April). A Burbank, Calif., woman, 88, drove into a post office, injuring two (March). An Indianapolis woman, 90, backed into a McDonald's restaurant, injuring two (April). A Springfield, Ill., woman described as "elderly" drove through a delicatessen (March). A San Diego woman, 81, drove her car onto the support wires for a power pole, where it was dangling when police arrived (March). And in a variation, a Mount Pleasant, Pa., funeral-home attendant, 73, mistakenly shifted into reverse and fatally struck the owner of the car, who had just turned it over to the man to park (March).

LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINALS

Not Ready for Prime Time: 1) Ahmed Jalloul, 20, was convicted in April of robbing a post office in Adelaide, Australia, based on DNA evidence. Witnesses said Jalloul seemed unsteady and unsure of himself during the crime and consequently vomited on the floor before running from the scene. 2) Eric Hardin, 20, was charged in March in St. Louis with possession of child pornography on compact discs, which his former roommates had turned over to police after cleaning his room. They had kicked Hardin out for his unbearably poor hygiene.

SCIENCE ON THE CUTTING EDGE

- Prairie Orchard Farms in Manitoba, Canada told Toronto's *Globe and Mail* in March that it has been successfully infusing hogs with omega-3s, the oils that get the best press among fatty acids, since it is found plentifully in healthful salmon and other seafood. A laboratory analysis of a slab of Prairie Orchard's "enriched" ham had the omega-3s of almost one-fourth of a large salmon filet, but the best news of all was that a 100-gram side of bacon equaled that of the salmon filet.

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COMMUNITY LISTINGS

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BY JAMES RENOVITCH

Thursday 15

CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

Third Thursdays, 7:30pm. Austin Area Garden Center, 2220 Barton Springs Rd. (in Zilker Botanical Gardens). Free. www.austincss.com.

CHICSWAP Bring in five articles of clothing worth at least \$50, and prepare to swap. Anything left over will be donated to SafePlace. 7-9:30pm. Courtyard Marriott, 300 E. Fourth. \$25. www.chicswaptx.com.

GEORGETOWN BUSINESS SHOWCASE Fifty local business will be showing off their goods and services while you enjoy music, door prizes, and more. 4-7pm. San Gabriel Park, 900 N. College St., Georgetown. Free.

HEALTH SCREENING & NETWORKING MIXER Thinking of joining or already a member of the National Hispanic Professional Organization? Then use that position or inclination to get yourself some blood pressure testing and info on the NHPO and Hispanic Outreach Taskforce. 6-8pm. Nuevo León, 1501 E. Sixth, 479-0097. \$5.

JIM O'BRIEN FUNDRAISER Music and auctions to keep the future of musical potlucks looking bright. 9pm-2am. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. \$8 suggested donation. www.rutamaya.net.

MODA/VINO FASHION & WINE CELEBRATION Wine-tasting, a fashion show, and let's not forget the afterparty. This is the culmination of the Italian Trade Commission's weeklong Moda/Vino celebration and benefits the afterschool programs of Heart House Austin. 7:30pm. Pangaea, 409 Colorado, 473-2512. \$60 (\$100, couples). www.hearthouse.org.

PROSPERITY EFT CIRCLE Learn to use acupressure to get rich – or get happy being poor. Thursdays, 7-9pm. 8600 Brodie #236. \$10 suggested donation. freethroughgift@gmail.com, www.freethroughgift.com.

★ **TEXAS WRITERS MONTH CELEBRATION** The Writers' League of Texas brings a slew of notable authors – including Liz Carmack, Carol Dawson, Dave McNeeley, Marsha Moyer, and Joseph O'Connell – to the table for chats, readings, etc. 7pm. Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 499-8914. Free. www.writersleague.org.

THIRD THURSDAY ON GUADALUPE Live music and the crafts of local artisans. Guadalupe between 28th AND 38th. Free. www.austinthirdthursday.com.

UT-PAN AM ALUMNI'S PRESIDENT RECEPTION raises funds for the Dr. Blandina Cadenas Scholarship Endowment. 5:30pm. Caswell House, 1404 West Ave., 466-0207. Free. utpaustinalum@aol.com, www.utpaalumni.com.

the young ones

DREAM CARVERS ART EXHIBIT Sanchez Elementary fourth-graders created colorful works based on the book *Dream Carver*; all you have to do is look and enjoy. Through May 16. Las Manitas Avenue Cafe, 211 Congress, 472-9357. Free. www.lapena-austin.org.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK continues with *Grandmother's Story: A Tlingit Tale* about two children who find trouble when one of them makes fun of the moon. May 15. Austin Public Library, Terrazas Branch, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez. Free.

EL CIELO NUESTRO ... QUE SE VA A CAER! ProyectoTeatro presents this Spanish-language version of the children's fable "The Sky Is Falling," about a chicken who helps save the sky. May 16-18 & 23-25; Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays & Sundays, 2 & 6pm. Santa Cruz Center for Culture, 1805 E. Seventh, 524-8555. \$8-12. info@proyectoteatro.com, www.myspace.com/proyectoteatro.

PARENTS OF DYSLEXIC CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP meets today to discuss *Building Vocabulary: Beyond Dictionary Definitions*. Fri., May 16, 9am. Scottish Rite Learning Center, 12871 Hwy. 183 N., 472-1231.

MOVIE IN THE PARK An episode of *Fraggle Rock* will be followed by the original *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. Fri., May 16, 8:30pm. Dottie Jordan Park, 2803 Loyola. Free.

★ **PETER & THE WOLF** Second Youth Family Theatre brings Prokofiev's classic about a boy, a bird, and, of course, a wolf to kids' ears. May 17, 11am & 3pm. Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 386-8292. \$10 (\$5, ages 2-12; free, under 2). www.secondyouth.com.

ART WORKSHOP Parents and kids are welcome to this monthly workshop of learning and creating. Volunteers are especially welcome. Third Saturdays, 2-4pm. Mitchie's



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WALKING ON THE GREEN PATH Take a tour of Habitat Suites that serves as a guide to personal permaculture. Find out what makes something "green," and bring a bag and scissors to take fresh fruit and vegetables home with you. 7pm. Habitat Suites, 500 E. Highland Mall Blvd., 467-6000, 800/535-4663. Free. www.permie.us.

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.)

Flightpath Coffee House

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

ZZ Top *The Backyard*

Chaos in Tejas *Emo's*

Dark Meat *Mohawk*

The Black, Follow That Bird! *Lamberts*

Gallery, 6406 N. I-35 #2800, 323-6901. Free. www.mitchie.com.

ACTIVE LIFE TOUR There will be boring health screenings and eating tips, but mostly this event is for kids to play. Soccer, Frisbee, hockey, active video games, and more make this an afternoon to tucker out your tyke. Sat., May 17, 10am-4pm. Toney Burger Activity Center, 3200 Jones, 414-2096. Free. www.activelifetour.com.

SPRING CARNIVAL Joslin Elementary brings the moon-walkin', face-paintin', dunk tankin', and music playin' to the kids and the adults. Sat., May 17, 11am-2pm. Joslin Elementary, 4500 Manchaca.

ABRAKADOODLE gets colorful with Dr. Seuss! Read *My Many Colored Days* and color on the sidewalk with lots of chalk! Sat., May 17, 11:30am. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.

EARTH GROOVIN' Interactive dance moves inspired by nature. Sun., May 18, 10:30am. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. Free with cafe purchase. www.rutamaya.net.

KINGS & QUEENS TO BE Read *Princess Baby* by Karen Katz, along with other regal tales fit for a king and queen. Tue., May 20, 10:30am. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.

YOGAKIDS AT BOOKKIDS! Krista Phillips reads a story or two and leads the young ones in a short and lively yoga lesson. Wed., May 21, 10:30am. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.

EATING HEALTHY RECIPES Strategies and recipes to get your kids eating healthy and not complaining about it. Wed., May 21, 7pm. St. Teresa's School library, 4311 Small Dr. Free. info@smartfoodshealthykids.com, www.smartfoodshealthykids.com.

Friday 16

ALTERNATIVE RADIO has foreign policy analyst Noam Chomsky speaking on the continuing U.S. presence in Iraq. David Barsamian hosts. 2pm. KOOP Radio 91.7FM. www.koop.org.

★ **BIKE TO WORK DAY** What are you waiting for? Lance Armstrong to come to your door and screw training wheels on your ass? austinbikemonth@gmail.com, www.austincycling.org.

EMANCIPET FREE DAYS This mobile spay/neuter clinic might be in your neighborhood today. Check www.emancipet.org to find out. Fri.-Sat., check-in begins 8am (first come, first served). 587-SPAY. Free.

FASHION SHOW BENEFIT Local and national designers team up for an evening of fierce catwalking with the proceeds going to SafePlace. 9pm-2am. Vicci, 404 Colorado, 762-2000. \$10. www.lauren-elainedesigns.com, www.unrealaustin.com.

HERBS FOR HEALTH Learn how herbs can help your digestive and urinary systems. *School of Herbal Studies*, 8803 Bear Creek Dr., 301-5838. \$90. www.ezherbs.net.

PEOPLE UNITED features radical journalism professor Robert Jensen from the University of Texas, engaging with University Democrats about race and gender in this year's presidential campaign. Allan Campbell hosts, with a weekly commentary from Rahul Mahajan. Fri., May 16, 1pm. KOOP Radio 91.7FM. www.koop.org.

SPANISH/CHINESE CONVERSATION GROUP Fridays, 7:30pm. Formosa Art & Tea, 200 E. Pecan #5, Pflugerville, 512/989-8678. Free. www.drinkarttea.com.

UNDERGROUND BIBLE STUDY A new look at the word of God in a question-friendly environment. 8-9pm. Brave New Books, 1904 Guadalupe. Free. www.myspace.com/undergroundbiblestudy.

WINE TOUR OF SPAIN Five gourmet tapas courses served with expertly paired Spanish wines. Call for reservations. Fri., May 16, 7:30pm; Sat., May 17, 7 & 8:45pm. Central Market South, 4477 S. Lamar, 899-4332. \$60.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Road House @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Chief Fest *Beerland*

KOOP Pop Prom Club de Ville

Liars/Phenomenauts *Red 7*

Texas Rockabilly Revival *Stubb's*

Chaos in Tejas *Emo's*

Saturday 17

AFRICAN DRUM EXHIBITION Master drummers Alseny and Aboubakar Sylla bring the rhythms and costumes of West Africa accompanied by dancers to make the audio visual. Noon-1pm. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Rd., 330-9500. \$15 (\$12, child). www.oneworldtheatre.org.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN & BOYS CONFERENCE Everyone's welcome (that means you too, ladies) to this conference encouraging kids to keep their eyes on the prize of integrity and education. 10am-2pm. LBJ High School, 7309 Lazy Creek Dr. Free.

ARTIST'S MARKET Most Saturdays, 10am-6pm (check website for changes). Mother Egan's Irish Pub, 715 W. Sixth, 535-5761. Free. www.downtownartistsmarket.com.

AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET Saturdays, 9am-1pm. Republic Square Park, 422 Guadalupe, 974-6700. Free. www.austinfarmersmarket.org.

BODYBUSINESS SUMMER SAMPLER Health screenings, sample exercise classes, and spa treatments, all accompanied by auctions that benefit Augie's Quest, a group funding ALS research. 10am-2pm. BodyBusiness, 3801 Capital of TX Hwy. N. Ste. I-100, 306-0557. Free. www.bodybusiness.com.

CASINO NIGHT A three-course meal fuels you up for an evening of gambling for a good cause: funding Turner Syndrome research. 6pm. Doubletree Hotel, 303 W. 15th, 567-5906. \$50. cxtsc2008.googlepages.com.

CITIZEN FORESTER WORKSHOP Sign up now and brush up on your urban tree care, landscape design, and pruning technique. Sat.-Sun., May 17-18, noon-5pm. Center for Environmental Research, 2210 FM 973 S., 443-5323. \$65 (\$52, members). www.treefolks.org.

CROHN'S & COLITIS WALK KICK-OFF Learn about this upcoming walk and what you can do to raise money for Crohn's and colitis research. Sign up, and start helping on the spot. Noon-2pm. Dave and Buster's, 9333 Research Ste. A-600, 346-8015. www.cctakesteps.org.

DOWN HOME RANCH CHARITY GALA benefits the ranch, which offers training, housing, and employment to adults with special needs. Admission gets you dinner, wine, a safari tour of the grounds, and live entertainment. For you extra-charitable folks there will be skeet shooting and auctions. 5:30-10:30pm. Texas Disposal System Exotic Game Ranch & Pavilion, 12200 Carl Rd., Buda. \$50 (\$95, couple). www.downhomeranch.org.

the GAY place

BY KATE X MESSER AND KATE GETTY

PRIDE TEXAS! The excitement's rising, and the buzz of Pride coming has us all a-twitter. This year it's bigger and better, with a **Pride Parade** that forms directly from the **Pride Festival**. That's huge. But, bigger and better means more help needed on all fronts. Wanna be on their **Bar Outreach** team? You're going to the bars, anyway. Might as well pass out flyers and get the community drooling for the upcoming festivities, right? Yep. Or better yet, be a part of the magic, right there on the Shores. Get a free taste of national headliners **Me'shell Ndegeocello** and **Pansy Division**, as well as local bits and bops. You don't wanna miss this. Or a chance to be a part of making it happen. Indeed. Sat., June 14, noon. Auditorium Shores, South First at Lady Bird Lake, 474-5475, 474-4422. \$10 in advance; \$15 at the gate. info@austinprideparade.org, marianne@equalitytexas.org, www.pridetexas.org, www.austinprideparade.org.

KISSIN' COUSINS Because their high-energy shows

are filled with their original "Southern-rockin' soul" and covers you will love, of course, **Nakia & His Southern Cousins** were given a residency on Sixth Street. It's been a big year for the band — named one of the **10 Best New Bands** at this year's **Austin Music Awards** and given a stellar invitation to play Austin City Limits this year — and things just keep getting better. So, check them out, every week, and fall in love with keeping it in the family. Fri., May 6. Momo's, 618 W. Sixth, 479-8848. www.nakia.net.

KNT: OOPSEY DAISEY

Turns out we were just too damn excited about **Kings N Things** bringing their tunes to their **Sixth Birthday Bash**. Blew the candles out too early, we did. Too excited that we tried to make it happen a whole month early. Check here for more details, and the accurate date: May 30, 9pm. \$10. www.kingsnthings.org.

GET YOUR LIPSTICK OUT And keep it out. The **Lipstick Lesbians** gather together to share in the femme experience. "They never believe I'm gay." "I got these shoes half-price." "Oh my God, I love your floral print!" These types of things. And, don't worry, all are welcome, even if the shoes don't match the purse, because looking femme "isn't something you apply with make-up, it's at your core." Share your core and

more. Fri., May 16, 7:30pm. Spider House Patio Bar & Cafe, 2908 Fruth, 785-1408. lipsticklesbiansaustin@yahoo.com.

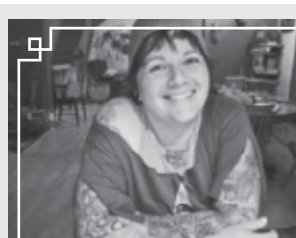
ZOE LEWIS TOURS THE LONE STAR From across the big pond to the land of big, let's all jump in our Subarus and follow Ms. Lewis all over Texas. It's the summer of road trip cuz, dag, she's worth those gas prices. Check Zoë's website for details about shows in San Antonio, Austin, College Station, LaGrange, Canyon Lake, and Kerrville. Various dates, through May 22. Cactus Cafe, Texas Union, UT campus, 475-6515. zoe@zoelewis.com, www.zoelewis.com.

LESBIAN SPEED DATING You wanna be a part of the quick and dirty? You know you do. First question: What's yer name? Second question: Is that a U-Haul in yr pocket, or are you just happy to see me? Sat., May 24, 7pm. 633-3851. Free. austinpride@grandecom.net.

AUSTIN WOMAN'S FILM, MUSIC & LITERARY FESTIVAL

Also known as **Blowin' Up a Spot**, this year marks eight years of increasing the awareness of women's films and literature while showcasing women of various ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Artistic diversity, and the true challenges of expression. The schedule is nailed down, but the boundaries indeed are not. **Registration/Silent Auction/Mixer:** Thu., May 22, 6-10pm, Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress. **Meet and Greet Brunch:** Fri., May 23, 10am-1pm, Hot Mama's Espresso, 2401 E. Sixth. **Opening Film and Performance Night:** Fri., May 23, 6-10pm, Ruta Maya. **M.A.L.I.'s Poetry and Music Brunch/Workshops:** Sat., May

24, 10am-1pm, Hot Mama's Espresso. **Austin Woman's Film & Performance Night:** Sat., May 24, 6-10pm, Ruta Maya. **M.A.L.I.'s Music Brunch:** Sun., May 25, 10am-1pm, Cafe Mundi, 1704 E. Fifth. **Closing Film and Music Awards:** (two showings) Sun., May 25, 3-6pm or 7-10pm, the Victory Grill, 1104 E. 11th. **Closing Afterparty, hosted by T.W.A.T and DJ P.O.W.:** Sun., May 25, 11pm-1am, the Victory Grill. 693-0794. \$15 (\$12, advance); \$50, weekend pass. info@malisite.org, www.blowinupaspot.com.



REST SWEETLY, DEAR TRAVELER
It is with a heavy heart that your humble Gay Place

passes this message from our friend, writer **Abe Louise Young**, on to you:

Maya Katz, friend to many, true sweetheart, and soul seeker, passed away on 4/29/08 at age 31. Maya came to Austin to volunteer her time for Katrina relief in 2005, and stayed until 2007. She came out in Austin, and became a regular at lesbian events, dog parks, and Foodies gatherings. Fluent in Hebrew, Spanish, and English, Maya could coax anyone into conversation. She left her earthly body in California, but her kind spirit flames on. We love you, Mayita. A memorial gathering will be held this weekend in East Austin. Sun., May 18, 3pm. Private location; call for details. 653-6539.

For more gay stuff, see Calendar online: austinchronicle.com. Send gay bits to gayplace@austinchronicle.com.

POST-SEASON GAME PLAY If you haven't filled a cooler, put on some SPF, and supported your local homo softball league, then: shame, shame. Alas, it's not too late. You can still catch the tail end of the season. And in our opinion, that's the best part, anyway. Come see which winners will earn the prestigious right to compete in the **Gay Softball World Series**, this August in Seattle. Post-Season: Sat., May 17; Championships: Sun., May 18. Havins Softball Complex, 12138 N. Lamar. www.softballaustin.org.

PLAYOFF HAPPY HOUR [Note: Last week we ran the wrong date; the correct date is listed below. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by our error.] Help support your favorite jock. Uh huh. We know you guys are reading Missed Connections and noticing that the M4M section is riddled with **Shady Lady** shout-outs. This team is full of the hottest ballers in the league, the kind you wanna un-miss that connection with ... with "no shirt" Jell-O shots and hunks of meat just sizzlin' on that grill. You know you love jocks. Now show it. Sun., May 18, 5pm. Oilcan Harry's, 211 W. Fourth, 320-8823. Free. reneatreviso@sbcglobal.net.

LOIS IS GONNA GRILL YA Another week, another crew of queer ladies (and boys) teaming up for a pub quiz ... without the pub, but adding the grub. Tex-Mex and Trivia: Home Sweet Home. Whether you're a genius or just alive with a hefty wealth of Corey Feldman/Haim minutia, your talents are required. And desired. Eat, drink, and get the right answer. Not much feels better than that. Wed., May 21, 6pm. Nueva Onda, 2218 College Ave., 447-5063.

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★ **FREE PILATES DAY** Check out www.pilatesdayaustin.com for a list of participating studios and class times and get your core ripped.

★ **FREE SWIM DAY** The Austin Water Utility is celebrating the completion of retrofitted wastewater lines, or something like that. Bottom line: free swimming all day! *Barton Springs, 2101 Barton Springs Rd., 476-9044. www.ci.austin.tx.us/water.*

GARDEN TOURS The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association invites you to tour three gardens. Call for more information. *1-5pm. 524-1973. \$3 (\$5 for admission to all gardens).*

HERITAGE HOMES TOUR Take a day tour of six of Austin's finest examples of mid-century architecture, from personal residences to Sixties-era bomb shelters. If you like a bit of partying with your architecture, then take the evening tour of three other uniquely modern homes, followed by a Vegas-themed party complete with Rat Pack cover band and casino games. Go to their website to buy tickets. *Day tour: 10am-4pm, \$22. Twilight tour & party: 6:30-11pm, \$75. www.heritagesocietyaustin.org.*

INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC DEMO Ustad F. Wasifuddin Dagar lectures on Dhrupad, a musical form with roots in Hindu ritualistic chanting. *7pm. Casa de Luz, 1701 Toomey, 476-2535. Free.*

LAVENDER CUTTING Why buy scented candles when you can have the real thing? Free to look, but if you cut it, you buy it. *Weekends in May. Call to verify times. Sweet Dreams Lavender Farm,*

10600 W. Wagon Rd., 288-7270. www.sweetdreamslavenderfarm.com.

MIGHTY TEXAS DOG WALK Register for what will hopefully be a world record for largest dog walk, and support Texas Hearing & Service Dogs, which trains adopted pets from shelters and places them with people living with physical disabilities free of charge. *10:30am. Congress Avenue Bridge, 891-9090. \$30 (\$25, advance). www.servicedogs.org.*

MONSTER BOOK SALE Books, videos, CDs, and DVDs, all in the \$1 to \$2 range. The Bibliofiles, a book-cart drill team, perform on Saturday. Proceeds go to the Austin Public Library. *Sat., May 17, 10am-6pm; Sun., May 18, noon-5pm. North Star Home Center, 2209 W. Anderson Ln. www.cityofaustin.org/library.*

MUSIC UNDER THE OAK Start with a seminar on desert plants, and wrap up with Eric Hisaw performing. *Noon-3pm. The Emerald Garden, 5700 Hwy. 290 W, 288-5900. Free. www.emerald-garden.com.*

NATURAL ALLERGY SOLUTIONS Learn the underlying causes of allergies and how to ease your sneeze the natural way. *1pm. Natural Health Center of Austin, 4701 West Gate Blvd. Ste. B-202, 892-3366. Free. www.nhcaustin.org.*

O. HENRY PUN-OFF While the folks onstage are battling for pun supremacy, the crowd will certainly partake in a groan-off, as “good pun” is an oxymoron in many people's books. Well, if punning is an art, these folks are Michelangelos. *Noon-5pm. O. Henry Museum, 409 E. Fifth, 472-1903. Free. www.punpunpun.com.*

PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP Communication is key when it comes to raising emotionally mature children. Come and learn how it's done. *10am. Austin Discovery School, 8509 FM 969 #200, 674-0700. Free. www.austindiscoveryschool.org.*

PERMACULTURE BASICS WEEKEND This series will teach you how to create sustainable human environments through gardening, green building, activism, alternative business models, and more. See www.permie.us for further details. *Sat.-Sun., May 17-18, 9am-5pm. TreeFolks, 10803 Platt, 619-5363. \$120. austinperm@permie.us.*

PETS DAY IN THE PARK Bring your pet for an afternoon of activities and local pet businesses with goods you may or may not need. *11am-3pm. Towne Square Park, 12550 Country Trails Ln. Free. www.sandkpetandapartment.com.*

REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN EXPO Amphibians, invertebrates, venomous reptiles, and all you'll need to keep them in good health will be provided at this benefit for the **Austin Herpetological Society**. *Fri., April 17, 10am-5pm; Sat., April 18, 11am-4pm. Wingate Inn, 1209 N. I-35, Round Rock, 512/83-SNAKE. \$7 (\$10 for both days). www.austinreptileexpo.com.*

ROUND ROCK THE BOAT REGATTA You've got cardboard and tape, but can you make a boat that will float? Come and find out, and enjoy a kite demonstration and music from the Williamson County Symphony Orchestra while you do. *9am (races start at noon). www.roundrocktexas.gov/rocktheboat.*

SAHAJA YOGA MEDITATION aims to help you achieve balance, inner peace, and resistance to stress, depression, and anxiety. *Saturdays, 11am-noon. Austin Recreation Center, 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd., 828-0129. Free. www.austinsahajayoga.org.*

SALSA AEROBICS This ladies-only class will teach you how to get fit while looking sexy at the same time. *Saturdays, 10:30am. EsquinaTango, 209 Pedernales, 524-2772. \$12 (\$40/month). www.esquinatangoaustin.com.*

SELF-DEFENSE OPTIONS CLASS You can learn some hand-to-hand techniques, but maybe a Taser or spray is more your speed. A supplier of law-

enforcement products will show you your options without anyone getting hurt. *10am-noon. GT Distributor's Training Room, 2545 Brockton #100, 691-5837. Free. www.gtdist.com.*

SLOW FOODS FEAST Enjoy a five-course meal of heirloom veggies and sustainably raised pork out at Green Gate Farms, where you'll be treated to live music and tours of the historic farmstead. Proceeds benefit the **Austin Discovery School**. *5-9pm. Green Gate Farms, 8604 FM 969 (MLK & Decker), 674-0700. \$100. www.austindiscoveryschool.org.*

STENNIS TRACT PLANT REMOVAL Volunteer and help rid the land along Bull Creek of invasive plants. *8:30am-noon. West of the Spicewood Springs/Loop 360 intersection, 263-6443. daniel.dietz@ci.austin.tx.us, www.ci.austin.tx.us/water/wildland/volunteering.htm.*

SUNSET VALLEY FARMERS MARKET *Saturdays, 9am-1pm. Toney Burger Center, 3200 Jones Rd., 280-1976. Free. www.sunsetvalleyfarmersmarket.org.*

TEXAS BAMBOO SOCIETY Learn all about the different types of bamboo that grow well in Austin, and groom some bamboo yourself in the Taniguchi Japanese Garden (bring hand clippers, loppers, a saw, and gloves). *10am. Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Rd., 929-9565. Free. www.bamboocentral.net.*

TIME EXCHANGE An alternative-currency club that lets you trade skills and services instead of money – now meeting twice weekly: *Ventana del Soul (1834 E. Oltorf), Tuesdays, 7:30pm; MonkeyWrench Books (110 E. North Loop), Saturdays, 4pm. 462-0787. Free. www.austintimeexchange.org.*

VIDEO & DISCUSSION features a screening of *The Golden Compass*, followed by a guided group discussion inspired by the movie's themes. *7pm. Human Potential Center, 2007 Bert, 441-8988. Free. www.humanpotentialcenter.org.*

day TRIPS

BY GERALD E. MCLEOD

Nichol's Landing Paddling Trail opens access to a stretch of the Upper Guadalupe River lined with giant bald cypress trees and sun-bleached limestone shelves. During most of the year, this section of the river is forgiving of beginners and entertaining for accomplished paddlers. On a recent trip, I met a couple of guys on the river who are members of the Saturday Morning Paddlers of San Antonio. At least once a month, someone in the club sends an e-mail advising members to meet at such-and-such place to canoe or kayak a particular Texas river. The Upper Guadalupe is a regular meeting place because it's close, scenic, and relatively easy.

Between Comfort and Canyon Lake, there are nearly a dozen public access points to the river. Other than Guadalupe River State Park, most access points are at country-road bridges, where parking is tenuous and it's a long, steep climb to the water. That's what makes Nichol's Landing so valuable.

Nichol's Landing is a nice place to know about, even if you're not embarking on a river voyage. It's a great find if you're just looking for a place to go swimming in the river. Maintained by the Water Oriented Recreation District, the park features off-road parking, a big sandbar that chokes the river into a narrow channel, and a rope swing hanging from a cypress tree. Secondary features are a Porta-John and a Dumpster.

A word about WORD: The recreation district was approved by Comal County voters in 1988 to provide law enforcement, trash collection, and other public services on the river. Their jurisdiction covers Canyon Lake and most of the 40 miles of floatable river above and below the lake. The district is supported through park fees and a \$1 user fee collected from everyone who rents a canoe, kayak, or inner tube from an outfitter in the service area.

Compared to the river below Canyon Lake, the Upper Guadalupe River is lightly used. In just over three hours, my group paddled the five miles from Nichol's Landing to the FM 311 bridge at a very leisurely pace. It would have easily been possible to make the four miles to the U.S. 281 bridge in two hours. It is 10 miles from Nichol's Landing to the last take-out location before the lake.

The key to any trip on the Guadalupe River is to know the river flow in cubic feet per second. On the day I went, the river was running at 119 cfs, which is enough to keep you moving over the rapids, albeit it was a bit of a bumpy ride. “Anything between 100 cfs and 200 cfs is good for recreational users,” says Paul Coleman, the owner of Guadalupe Canoe Livery. The river is considered safe for all activities up to 800 cfs. To find river flow rates, go to www.wordcc.com or waterdata.usgs.gov and look for the Guadalupe River at Spring Branch data.



GERALD E. MCLEOD

At the lower flow levels, there are a half-dozen rapids separated by long stretches of lazy river in this portion of the Guadalupe. The best run was a chute off the main channel between the U.S. 281 and FM 311 bridges. You maneuver your canoe through a tunnel of tree branches and over and around boulders to come splashing back out into the river.

Nichol's Landing is north of Spring Branch, about four miles west of U.S. 281 on Old Spring Branch Road (turn at the sign for Knibbe Ranch). The gate is open daily from 9am to 9pm. Admission is \$5 per car on weekends but free on weekdays. For more information on Texas Paddling Trails, go to www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails.

There is something to be said for paying someone to supply your equipment and to drive you back to your car. All-day canoe rentals with shuttle service run from \$30 to \$40 for two people. Solo kayaks and inner tubes are less expensive.

There are at least three river outfitters operating on the Upper Guadalupe River. Guadalupe Canoe Livery (830/885-4671, www.guadalupecanoelivery.com) is at the U.S. 281 bridge and has operated a campground there since the 1930s. Guadalupe Canoe and Camping (830/885-7666, www.guadalupecanoe.com) is just north of the U.S. 281 bridge. Bigfoot Canoes (830/885-7106, www.bigfootcanoes.com) has a campground at the FM 311 bridge.

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out of town

BY GERALD E. MCLEOD

ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTER FESTIVAL & COOK-OFF is a cowboy feast in a rodeo arena with cooks competing for the best brisket, baby-back ribs, beans, Dutch oven cobbler, chili, and calf fries. Don't know what calf fries or mountain oysters are? Ask somebody from Texas. *Fri.-Sun., May 16-17. Rhoades Memorial Arena, Throckmorton, 940/849-3170. www.worldchampionshiprockymountainoysters.com.*

LONE STAR STREET ROD ASSOCIATION STATE RUN showcases pre-1949 vehicles. *Fri.-Sun., May 16-18. Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, Fredericksburg, 903/846-4094. tlxsra@aol.com.*

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY ART CARNIVAL lets the entire family explore art through special activities. *Sat., May 17, 10am-noon. The Old Jail Art Center, Albany, 325/762-2269. www.theoldjailartcenter.org.*

TEXAS NATURAL & WESTERN SWING FESTIVAL offers the music of Western swing legends and vendors selling locally made products. *Sat., May 17, 10am-12mid. San Marcos Plaza, San Marcos, 888/200-5620. www.sanmarcoscharms.com.*

BOOMTOWN FILM & MUSIC FESTIVAL showcases local and national music and film with panel discussions, concerts, and movies. *Sat., May 17. Beaumont, 409/466-0007. www.boomtownfestival.com.*

LAVENDER FEST features speakers and vendors promoting lavender and herb education and products, as well as gardening tips, cooking demonstrations, wine tasting, and food. *Sat.-Sun., May 17-18. Becker Vineyards, Stonewall, 830/644-2681. www.beckervineyards.com.*

JOHN WESLEY HARDIN DAYS celebrates the town's Western heritage with Wild West re-enactments, artisan and craft vendors, games, and food. *Sat., May 17. Downtown Square, Comanche, 325/356-3233. www.comanchechamber.org.*

ROOTS MUSIC CONCERT SERIES opens a new season with Omar & the Howlers and Ezra Charles & the Works in an outdoor show. *Sat., May 17, 5-10pm. Pioneer Museum, 312 W. San Antonio, Fredericksburg, 830/997-2835. \$10. rootsmusic@pioneermuseum.com, www.pioneermuseum.com.*

TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OUTHOUSE RACES One can only imagine how these games got started, but now they include cook-offs, carnival, street dances, and arts & crafts. *Sat., May 17. Mount Pleasant, 903/572-8567. www.mtpleasanttx.com.*

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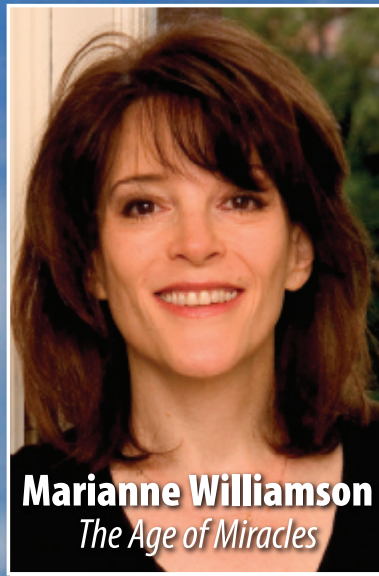
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★ WALKING/CYCLING COMMUNITY CELEBRATION Bring a human-powered form of transportation – even if it's just your feet – and parade through town with the likes of the Yellow Bike Project, Cubensi Stilt Theatre, Austin Community Steel Band, and more. The caravan ends at Victory Grill with more music, bike zaniness, and ice cream. 3pm. *Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center*, 1165 Angelina, 472-4809. Free. www.austincycling.org.

WEST AFRICAN DRUM CLASSES Learn the art of the djembe and djun djun drum. *Tuesdays*, 6-7pm; *Saturdays*, 4-5pm. *The Khabele School*, 810 Rio Grande, 480-8142. \$15. www.khabele.org/studio.

YOGA IN THE PARK Instructors from Yoga Yoga bring the poses and controlled breathing to the springs. 10am. *Barton Springs*, 2101 Barton Springs Rd., 476-9044. Free.

Ongoing Events

SHARE! YOUR HEART, YOUR HOME, YOUR LIFE

Act globally right from your very own doorstep by opening your home to a high school exchange student placed by the nice folks at SHARE! These kids speak English, have spending money, and medical insurance, so what have you got to lose ... but your myopia? 478-6175, 800/941-3738. ycoffman@sharesouthwest.org, www.sharesouthwest.org.

MEDAL OF ARTS DESIGN COMPETITION How badass would it be if your design was on the medal given to visual artists for their accomplishments? Go to the Austin Visual Arts Association website, check out the submission rules and deadlines, and be that badass. *Submission deadline*, June 28. \$35. www.avaaonline.org.

★ ZERO WASTE OR DARN CLOSE If Austin is going to be a zero-waste city by 2040, we better get started. Go online, and see what you can do to lessen the amount of material you're sending to landfills. Recycling is only the start. www.zerowasteordarnclose.com.

COMMUNITY SABBATICAL GRANT is open to nonprofit employees who want to do research in their field. Recipients receive \$5,000, get paired with a UT faculty member to guide the research, and gain access to the university's resources. Applications are due *Fri., May 30*. 471-2654. community@humanitiesinstitute.utexas.edu, www.humanitiesinstitute.utexas.edu.

OPEN GOVERNMENT BILL INPUT The Transparency in Government Act has been posted online, and the Sunlight Foundation is looking for your input. Go to www.publicmarkup.org, and make this experiment in front-porch politics a success.

GREEN-UP YOUR PARK Your park improvement idea can become a reality with a grant from Austin Parks Foundation. Fill out the application, get it in before May 30 (May 15 if you want more than \$5,000), and cross your fingers. www.austinparks.org/ngp.html.

NEIGHBORHOOD HABITAT CHALLENGE Get the neighborhood organized, and start making your yard more hospitable to wildlife. If your neighborhood ends up with the largest number of certified wildlife habitats ... well, isn't that enough? *Through Oct. 31*. 327-8181 x29. www.keeapaustinwild.com.

CRICKET COUNTERS NEEDED Wondering how to utilize your remarkable insect-tallying skills? Starting in June, the city of Austin needs someone to count the number of crickets that exit a cave. Apparently, cricket populations are directly proportional to cave-ecosystem health. 263-6443. daniel.dietz@ci.austin.tx.us.

FERAL HOG TRAP MAINTENANCE The non-native and invasive feral hogs are an ecological nuisance. You, yes you, can volunteer to check the traps once a week for six months in central Hays County. 263-6443. daniel.dietz@ci.austin.tx.us.

MANDATORY WATERING SCHEDULE Go online or call to find out when, what, and how often you can water. It's kinda complicated. 972-0151. www.waterwiseaustin.com.

HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAM Nonprofit Student American International is looking for a few good hosts to take in exchange students ranging in age from 15 to 18 years old and show them what America is all about. All walks of life are urged to apply. 442-0379. www.studentamericaninternational.com.

EMANCIPET FREE DAYS (See Friday.)

WINE TOUR OF SPAIN (See Friday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Best in Show @ *Republic Square Park*, 7pm
Breakfast at Tiffany's @ *Alamo Ritz*, 12:45pm
Road House @ *Alamo Ritz*, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Japanther/Nashville Pussy *Red 7*
Chaos in Tejas *Emo's*
Oscar D'León *Monarch Event Center*
Chief Fest *Emo's*
Texas Rockabilly Revival *Stubb's*
The Subdudes *Antone's*
Basic, Diagonals, Baby Robots, Many Birthdays *Lamberts*

COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTER This free 32-computer facility is open to the public for research, homework, and the job search. Staff will be on hand to offer tech or homework help. *East Austin Community Center*, 6002 Jain, 462-2181. Free. tnatal@swkey.org, www.swkey.org.

WOOD DESIGNS SOUGHT If there's a piece of architectural woodworking that's really blown your mind, why not nominate it for the Texas Forestry Association's Excellence in Wood Design Award. Call or go online for application info and nominee restrictions. *Applications due before July 15*. 936/632-TREE. tfa@texasforestry.org, www.texasforestry.org.

CULTURAL ACADEMIC STUDENT EXCHANGE is looking for loving families willing to host students from Brazil, Belgium, Italy, Mexico, Thailand, Turkey, China, Germany, Vietnam, France, or Montenegro for the 2008-09 school year. 800/458-8336. www.exchangestudents.org.

WOMAN'S FILM, MUSIC, & LITERARY FESTIVAL Four venues, 23 musicians, 25 filmmakers, four days. That makes for a treasure trove of art from the female perspective. For a list of events, see *Gay Place*, p.71. *Thu-Sun., May 22-25*. \$15 (\$12, advance); \$50, weekend pass. www.blowinupaspot.com.

TIBETAN MONKS ENCORE Due to the cancellation of the Houston leg of their tour, you have another week to absorb the wisdom of enlightenment. Check their website because more events are being scheduled as you read this. *Through May 23*. *Clear Spring Studio*, 3918-C Far West Blvd., 422-8634. Donations appreciated. www.tibetmonkstore.org.

GET IT TO THE STAGE Get those thoughts and words out of your head and onto the page and stage. The folks at Esther's Follies can help, whether you've always wanted to or never thought you could perform for a crowd. *May 17 & 24; June 7 & 14; 3-6pm*. *Esther's Follies Theatre*, 525 E. Sixth. \$150.

THIS WEEK ONLY

MISS JUNETEENTH APPLICATION DEADLINE Call or download an application form, and enter in one of four categories for the Miss Juneteenth scholarship pageant. There's even a Little Prince competition (age 4-11). Check the website for rules, regulations, and the responsibilities of the winner. 563-2725. \$20 registration fee. www.geaya.net.

MONSTER BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS are needed on May 17-18. 323-5123. www.austinlibrary.org.

NATIONAL AMERICORPS WEEK is celebrated in Austin with an educational exhibit showing how the 10 programs here in Austin have helped address the city's critical needs. *Through Fri., May 16*. *Texas state Capitol*, 1100 Congress, 452-4800. Free. www.austinamericorps.org.

★ UT TRASH TO TREASURE DRIVE It's coming up on move-out time for UT students. So what are you going to do with that couch and lamp you found on the street back in October? Donate it to Trash or Treasure, where it will be sold at a low cost for students moving in. Kinda like delayed recycling. Call 232-7840 to schedule a pickup of large items, or bring your smaller items to the LBJ Library parking lot or other donation drop-off spots around town. Go to their website for more info on special deals and volunteer opportunities. *Through May 19*. *Red River & Manor*. www.trashtotreasureut.com.

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ANTHROPOS ARTS CONCERT The students of Anthropos Arts' music program are joined by their mentors and teachers for this once-in-a-lifetime concert. 5:30pm. *Stubb's*, 801 Red River, 480-8341. \$10. www.anthropos.org.

BLUES SOCIETY FUNDRAISER CONCERT It's a who's-who of blues with the proceeds going to keep Austin blue. See Club Listings, p.96, for a complete lineup. 7pm. *Antone's*, 213 W. Fifth, 320-8424. \$15 (\$10, advance). www.austinbluessociety.org.

CONVERSATIONS IN FILM Johnathon Schaeach, who you may remember as the smoldering jerk from *That Thing You Do*, is the dictionary definition of a multihyphenate: writer-director-actor. Hear him speak about the highs and lows of wearing so many hats. 2pm. *Hyde Park Theatre*, 511 W. 43rd, 479-PLAY. \$25 (\$20, AFF members). www.austinfilmfestival.com.

ENCHANTED EVENING FOR TINA MARSH An evening of music, dancing, and auction to make money for the Tina Marsh Health Fund. See Club Listings, p.96, for a complete lineup. 6-9pm. *Laguna Gloria*, 3809 W. 35th, 458-8191. \$25 minimum donation. adamconaway@gmail.com, www.creop.org.

ETHICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTIN Today's platform on the separation of church and state will be led by Ryan Valentine, deputy director of the Texas Freedom Network. 10am. *Laguna Gloria*, 3809 W. 35th, 835-9008. Free. www.esoa.org.

GERMAN-TEXAN SPEAKER SERIES Chris Oelkers will discuss and play examples of 20th century German organ music. 3pm. *German Free School*, 507 E. 10th, 482-4847. Free. www.germantexans.org.

★ INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL Austin joins in the world's largest and longest-running grassroots HIV/AIDS awareness event tonight, with an evening of music, performance, and prayer in honor of those lost to the disease, as well as those who needn't be. 8pm. *Republic Square Park*, 422 Guadalupe, 974-6700. ozparade@aol.com, www.candlelightmemorial.org.

LAUREN-ELAINE DESIGNS RUNWAY SHOW 3:30pm. *Flirt*, 2405 Nueces Ste. H, 444-4720. Free. www.lauren-elainedesigns.com.

MEDITATION MEET-UP Join other meditative minds, and project your ideas for an improved city on the city itself. Worst-case scenario: You get a little "me" time. 4-6pm. *Zilker Park*, 2100 Barton Springs Rd. \$1. www.meditation.meetup.com/523.

P. KELLACH WADDLE PRESENTS NEW WORKS Part of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd Third Sunday Series, the Pulitzer Prize-nominated composer and bassist Waddle will be playing works old, new, and original. *Following the 6pm evening prayer*. *Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd*, 3201 Windsor. Free. www.gsaustin.org/music.

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ON SLAUGHTER CREEK The Austin Ridge Riders will be working to finish a trail so that it can be opened to the public. E-mail for more information. 9am-1pm. 423-0889. bikejones2426@yahoo.com.

WEEKLY PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM This week features popular populist Jim Hightower and Susan DeMarco speaking about their book, *Swim Against the Current: Even a Dead Fish Can Go With the Flow*. *Sundays, 11:30am-12:30pm*. *First Unitarian Universalist Church*, 4700 Grover, 452-6168. Free. www.austinuu.org.

CITIZEN FORESTER WORKSHOP (See Saturday.)

LAVENDER CUTTING (See Saturday.)

MONSTER BOOK SALE (See Saturday.)

PERMACULTURE BASICS WEEKEND (See Saturday.)

REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN EXPO (See Saturday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)
Big Trouble in Little China @ *Alamo Ritz*, 3:45pm
Breakfast at Tiffany's @ *Alamo Ritz*, 12:45pm
Wholpin No. 5 DVD Release Party @ *Alamo Ritz*, 10pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)
Social Circle, the Young The Parlor
Tina Marsh Benefit *Laguna Gloria*
Austin Blues Society Fundraiser *Antone's*

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A TASTING MENU Learn to assemble tastes in your recipes, then see how a professional chef does it. 6:30pm. *Central Market North*, 4001 N. Lamar, 206-1000. \$50.

BACKGAMMON CLUB WEEKLY TOURNAMENT *Mondays, 7pm*. *DoubleTree Hotel*, 6505 N. I-35, 913-3361. \$10. www.austin.rr.com/wsauer/bghhome.html.

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS WITH KHABELE Check out the open house, and see how alternative schools make learning a life lesson. 10:30am. *The Khabele School*, 810 Rio Grande, 480-8142. Free. www.khabele.org.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS Like Alcoholics Anonymous but for people with emotional difficulties. *Mondays, 7:30pm*. *Shoal Creek Hospital*, 3501 Mills, 458-9525. Free. www.emotionsanonymous.org.

LIVE MUSIC PUBLIC HEARING The 15-member Live Music Task Force will be open to suggestions today. Keep it short and sweet as there will undoubtedly be scads of sound jockeys looking to chime in. 6:30-8:30pm. *City Hall*, 301 W. Second. www.ci.austin.tx.us/council/livemusictaskforce.htm.

PUB QUIZ A weekly trivia night for testing wits and winning prizes. *Mondays, 7:30pm*. *Fado's*, 214 W. Fourth, 457-0172.

TROJAN BUS TOUR AT HIV/STD CONFERENCE The king of condoms, Trojan, will pull the bus over, and Dr. Jocelyn Elders will spread the safe-sex gospel. 11:40am. *Renaissance Hotel*, 9721 Arboretum, 343-2626.

★ WORLD HEPATITIS DAY AT THE CAPITOL The Hep C Advocate Network sponsors this day of info sharing to serve as a message to those in power: Hep C education now! *Capitol grounds*. hepcan1@aol.com, www.hepcan.org.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)
Big Trouble in Little China @ *Alamo Ritz*, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)
Black Rebel Motorcycle Club *Antone's*

Tuesday 2 0

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS MEETING Schmooze, hobnob, and network with other ladies of the number. 6pm. *Sicola's*, 5416 Parkcrest #700, 424-6506. \$18-30. www.aswaaustin.org.

ARCH VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION Front Steps, the manager of ARCH, offers training for volunteers. Perfect if you want to help the homeless but don't have much money yourself. *Tue., May 20, 2pm*. *Austin Resource Center for the Homeless*, 500 E. Seventh, 305-4174. Free. www.frontsteps.org.

ART OF SPIRITUAL DREAMING WORKSHOP Don't remember your dreams? This four-week workshop helps you recall and interpret their wisdom. Come for all or just one session. *Tuesdays in May, 7-8:30pm*. *Austin Eckankar Center*, 223 W. Anderson Ste. B-206, 453-0331. Free. www.eckankar-texas.org.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS ASSISTANCE Drop in today, and learn how to ensure you get the money you deserve. 9am-5pm. *Foundation Communities Tax Center*, 3036 S. First, 215-1487. Free. www.communitytaxcenters.org/stimulus.htm.

EFT SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT CIRCLE This weekly sexual-assault support group for women incorporates EFT acupuncture techniques into the healing process. *Tuesdays, 7-9pm*. 8600 Brodie #236. \$10 suggested donation. freethroughEFT@gmail.com, www.freethroughEFT.com.

END PROCRASTINATION Unblock your mind through hypnosis. 10:15am. *Ruta Maya*, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 243-8430. Donations appreciated. www.theguidedmind.com.

HYPNOSIS FOR MEMORY Get that memory working harder for you through hypnosis. 10:15am. *Ruta Maya*, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 243-8430. Donations appreciated. www.theguidedmind.com.

INTRODUCTION TO NUDISM There's more to it than wearing nothing at all. Isn't there? Attend this meeting of the Hill Country Nudists to find out. *Third Tuesdays*. *Mr. Natural (natch)*, 2414 S. Lamar. www.hillcountrynudists.com.

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MEETING Author and cactus expert A. Michael Powell will lead this meeting of things green and Texan. 7pm. *Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve*, 805 Capital of TX Hwy. N., 472-1062. Free. www.npsot.org/Austin/.

RACE, RELIGION & PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS The Austin Area Interreligious Ministries brings this discussion of how color and creed are affecting the presidential election. 6-8pm. First Baptist Church of Austin, 901 Trinity, 476-2625. www.aaimaustin.org.

TOUR OF MEDITATION PRACTICES convenes regularly to explore a new relaxation or meditation approach at each meeting. 6:15-7pm. Human Potential Center, 2007 Bert, 441-8988. Free. www.humanpotentialcenter.org.

UNDERSTANDING ALTERNATE FINANCING The city's Small Business Development Program offers this two-part class for small business owners. Register online or call to attend. May 20 & 22, 6-9pm. International Center of Austin, 201 E. Second, 974-7800. \$35. www.cityofaustin.org/sbdp.

WHAT'S YOUR MONEY PERSONALITY? How you spend or save can tell a lot about a person. Let the experts give you some advice. 5:30-7pm. A+ Federal Credit Union, 6420 Hwy. 290 E., 421-2802. Free. www.aplusfcu.org.

TIME EXCHANGE (See Saturday.)

WEST AFRICAN DRUM CLASSES (See Saturday.)

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.)

Dougherty Arts Center

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Big Trouble in Little China @ Alamo Ritz, 9:30pm
Death Note @ Cinemark Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, 7:30pm
Heavy Metal in Baghdad @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Staraffenland, Efterklang, Mohawk
Kate Walsh, Quincy Coleman, Brandi Shearer
Lamberts

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FLAMENCO CLASSES Ballet Austin's Butler Community School presents these five dance classes in conjunction with the production of *Don Quixote*. Wednesdays through May 21, 6:30-7:45pm. Butler Community School, 501 W. Third, 476-9051 x126. Free. vicki.parsons@balletaustin.org. www.balletaustin.org/community/index.php.

INTIMACIES GROUP Learn to keep emotional fluctuations or just plain moodiness from messing with your relationships. Come prepared to share your experiences. 7-8:30pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 328-4456. Free. www.trueintimacies.com.

LIVEABLE VISION AWARDS Come and party like there's no tomorrow with people who are making sure there is one. Their efforts keep us aimed toward a more sustainable Austin. 6pm.

Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina, 326-3331. \$25. www.liveablecity.org.

METROPOLITAN BREAKFAST CLUB This week's theme is Discovering Culture and Diversity, with Amparo Garcia-Crow, the program manager for the Mexican American Cultural Center. 7am. Darrell Royal Memorial Stadium, UT Club, sixth floor, 2108 E. Robert Dedman, 479-9460. \$15. www.mbcAustin.org.

MIDWEEK AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET This growers-only market features fresh food, chef demos, kids activities, live music, and more every week, rain or shine. Wednesdays, 4-8pm. The Triangle, 46th Street, between Guadalupe & Lamar. Free. www.austinfarmersmarket.org.

POETRY & FILM DISCUSSION GROUP Wednesdays, 7:45pm. Formosa Art & Tea, 200 E. Pecan #5, Pflugerville, 512/989-8678. www.drinkarttea.com.

PUBLIC MEETING ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS Time to have your opinion heard on having Immigration and Customs Enforcement representatives in our jails. Various community-based orgs will be in attendance. 5:30pm. One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Rd. Rm. 325.

RELEASING STRESS is as simple as breathing and relaxing. Learn how. Zilker Park at Rollingwood Drive, 587-3882. Free. austinhypnosis@aol.com, www.allthatis.biz.

THIRD COAST FILM NIGHT features *Angry Monk*, a documentary about a rabble-rousing monk and his struggle against religious conservatism in and around Tibet. 7pm. Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz, 320 E. Sixth, 476-1320. \$8.25 (\$6, students/seniors). www.thirdcoastactivist.org.

TROPICAL PLANTS SEMINAR If you want your yard to look like a tropical paradise, the Travis County Master Gardeners Association has all the answers. 7pm. Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Rd., 477-8672. Free. www.tcmastergardeners.org.

UNIVERSITY AREA KIWANIS MEETING Kiwanis International is a volunteer organization focusing on service projects primarily for youth. All are welcome at their twice-monthly meetings featuring lunch and special speakers. First & third Wednesdays, noon-1pm. Holiday Inn Northwest, 8901 Business Park Dr., 699-7089. Free for visitors. universityareakiwanis@gmail.com, www.universityareakiwanis.org.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Big Trouble in Little China @ Alamo Ritz, 9:20pm
Death Note @ Cinemark Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, 7:30pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Trachtenburg Family Slideshow Players *Emo's*
Bun B *Emo's*

MAY 17th Annual PILATES DAY Austin

The 5th Annual Austin Pilates Day is a city-wide event to promote the many benefits of Pilates. Join us on May 17th by contacting any of these participating studios for your FREE Pilates class. For more information, visit: www.PilatesDayAustin.com

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Sports

BY MARK FAGAN

THE MAIN EVENT **RUGBY NATIONAL CLUB PLAYOFFS** Get in the scrum as USA Rugby's divisions I, II, and III men's teams go head to head in our own Zilker Park. Championship rounds to be held in Glendale, Colo. Sat.-Sun., May 17-18. Zilker Park. \$5. www.usarugby.org.

THE HOME TEAMS

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS The Cubs' AAA team visits the Dell for four. Vs. Iowa: Thu.-Sat., May 15-17, 7:05pm; Sun., May 18, 2:05pm. Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd., 512/255-2255. \$6-12. www.roundrockexpress.com.

CENTRAL TEXAS WOLF PACK A local football team playing as part of the National Public Safety Football League consisting of public servants raising funds for the **Austin-East Communities YMCA**. Good times, good cause. Vs. Bakersfield Falcons: Sat., May 17, 3pm. Burger Center Stadium, 3200 Jones Rd. www.eteamz.com/centraltexaswolfpack/index.cfm?
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS Baseball Vs. Texas A&M: Fri., May 16, 6pm. Disch-Falk Field, 1300 E. MLK. www.texasports.com.

★ **AUSTIN AZTEX** The Aztex defeated Houston 2-0 in their first ever home game last Saturday. For more, see austinchronicle.com/sports. Vs. Dallas-Fort Worth: Sat., May 17, 7:30pm. Dragon Stadium, 620 Lake Creek Dr., Round Rock. www.austinztex.com.

RECREATION & FITNESS

NATIONAL KARAOKE LEAGUE Registration for the summer league is open. Registrants will take part in a nine-week season, receive a division T-shirt, and take part in two division parties per year. And did I mention there are now two divisions, one Downtown and one up north? Registration now open. Season starts: Wed., June 4. \$25. www.nationalkaraokeleague.com/austin.

Your **Austin Aztex** won their home opener Saturday night, behind a first-half goal by **A.J. Godbolt** and an insurance goal from **Robin Martinez**, who scored just seconds after coming on as a second-half sub. The Aztex dominated play for long stretches of the game, controlled the midfield throughout, and almost totally shut down a Leones squad that had created 25 shots in their previous game. A couple of lineup surprises worked out great: **Westley Allen**, normally a midfielder, was a rock in central defense for all 90 minutes, and forward Jamie Watson, a new roster addition last seen with MLS' Real Salt Lake, was a constant threat up front.

Good news off the field as well, as an official attendance of 1,497 blew away most predictions and game-day operations were solid. Plans for further improvements are afoot, I'm assured, by both the team and a nascent supporters group, largely centered around making more fan noise. No official word from the Aztex, but I'm led to understand that if you show up with a drum and the will to bang it, they'll treat you right.

RUNS, WALKS, & RIDES

BAGELFEST 5K/HEB 1K Get your run on and your fun on, and enjoy all of the free bagels you can stomach. The race will benefit the **March of Dimes Foundation** and the **Austin Jewish Academy** scholarship fund. Sun., May 18, 8am. Dell Jewish Community Campus, 7300 Hart Ln., 735-8350. \$25-30 (5K); \$10 (1K). bagelfest5k@yahoo.com, www.bagelfest5k.com.

LONE STAR 5,000 starts on Congress Avenue near Lady Bird Lake, then heads east on Cesar Chavez around Stephen F. Austin, and then back to the Congress Avenue Bridge. I'm assuming the organizers know that 5K stands for 5 kilometers and not 5,000. Held in conjunction with the Congress Avenue Mile. Sat., May 17, 8am. Congress Ave., 472-3254.

★ **PLEASE BE KIND TO CYCLISTS** **RIDE** This inaugural event is being held to show cyclists and motorists that they can coexist and share the road safely. There are a variety of rides to choose from as well as a raffle, some live music (of course), and more. Sat., May 17, 8am. Bicycle Sport Shop (south), 517 S. Lamar, 477-3472. www.bekindtocyclists.org.

SUNSTROKE SUMMER STAMPEDE RACE NO. 2 One of a series of 12 5K races. Wed., May 21, 7pm. Lady Bird Lake Trail (I-35 at Riverside parking lot), 444-2800 x221. www.summerstampede.com.

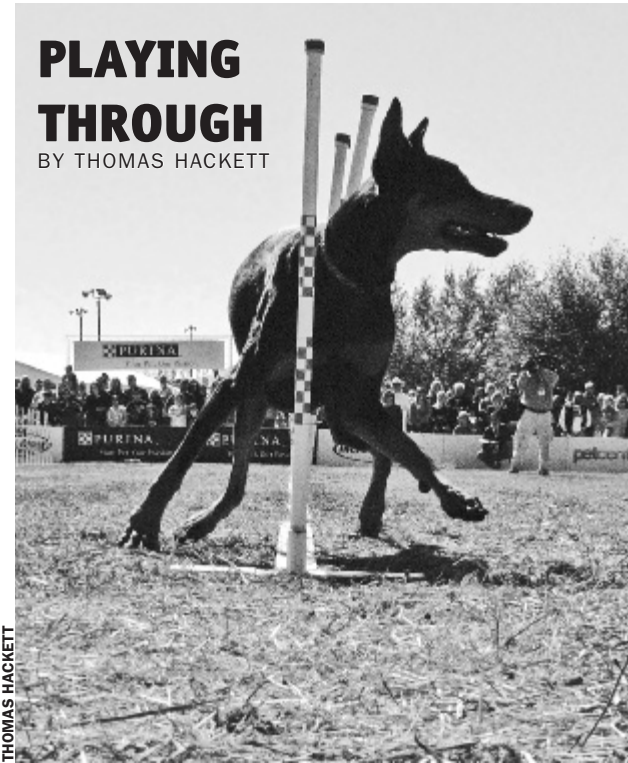
CONGRESS AVENUE MILE welcomes walkers, joggers, fast runners, and the Texas High School Elite Mile Challenge. Held in conjunction with the Lone Star 5,000 and the Mighty Texas Dog Walk. Sat., May 17, 8am. Congress Avenue, 536-6981. www.congressavenuemile.com.

MEMORIAL MADNESS KIDS TRIATHLON Kids ages 4 and up get their tri on. Top three finishers in each age group receive an award. Sun., May 18, 7:30am. Wells Branch MUD, 3100 Shoreline Dr., 689-2924. www.teamats.com.

★ **MIGHTY TEXAS DOG WALK** Dogs and dog owners are encouraged to take part in what is hopefully going to be Texas' third Guinness World Record for Largest Dog Walk. Dogs receive a gold medal at the finish line, and the first 3,000 walkers get a T-shirt. This will benefit nonprofit **Texas Hearing and Service Dogs**. Sat., May 17, 10:30am. Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge, 891-9090. www.servicedogs.org.

TOUR DE CURE Participants of this one (or two) day ride from San Antonio to Austin will help raise funds and awareness for the **American Diabetes Association**. Sign up now. Sat.-Sun., May 17-18, see website for a choice of starting points, 472-9838. www.tourdecuretexas.org.

DEUTSCHEN PFEST PFUN RUN/WALK & KIDS K Good for newbie and veteran runners alike. Stick around for the beer and pizza afterward. Sun., May 18, 8am, Pfun Run (9am, kids K). Pflugger Hall, Pflugerville, 203 E. Pecan St. Ste. B, 512/251-5082. www.cityofpflugerville.com.



THOMAS HACKETT

What are the makings of a great athlete? It's odd that **Mary Swindell** should have some insight into that question, having been such a terrible athlete herself. As a kid growing up in Boyd, Texas, her athletic experience began and ended with dodgeball, a game specifically designed, in her opinion, for the cool kids to be able to pick on the dorky kids. She was a dorky kid. Today, however, it's a good bet that none of those cool kids has a claim to a world record, and Swindell sort of does.

So there. I say "sort of" because it's actually Swindell's dog, a 6-year-old Doberman pinscher named Cassanova, who is the athlete in the family. Cassanova is a prodigy in pole-weaving. He's to pole-weaving what **Wayne Gretzky** was to ice hockey or **Yo-Yo Ma** is to the cello. And while Swindell will be the first to give him all of the credit, the sad fact is, the world is chock-full of Dobermans who fail to live up to their pole-weaving potential. Perhaps they take up with the wrong crowd. Maybe they're suddenly struck by its cosmic pointlessness. Maybe just scaring the crap out of the neighbor kids seems the "cooler" thing to do.

Swindell, 35, wasn't going to let that happen to Cassanova. She got the dog while she was living in Pittsburgh, working on a doctorate in bioethics. Soon, she decided to screw the graduate degree and devote herself to training dogs full time. Trying to understand how people and animals communicate was every bit as intellectually challenging – and far more rewarding.

"I love to see the moment when people and dogs get it," she says, "when the dog finally figures out what the owner is trying to tell him, and the owner figures out how to tell the dog what she wants – that lightbulb moment. It's an amazing thing to watch, two beings coming together like that. You see the total joy in their eyes."

It is certainly an amazing thing – and a total joy – to watch Cassanova weave through 60 poles in less than 12 seconds. In dog-agility competitions, border collies usually clean up. A Doberman would seem to be too big, especially a boy Doberman. But in the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge at the state fair a few weeks ago, Cassanova annihilated the field, working tall and upright, throwing his large body in two different directions at once, and winning a shot at the national championships in October.

"When you have a perfect run like that," Swindell says, "it's almost like a dance. Everything moves so smoothly, with very little conscious communication. That's what athletes and artists are searching for – that moment. If we can get in that zone, I know we'll clean up. But, really, winning is just a side benefit. It's that feeling we're searching for."

And how do you get there? The same way you get to Carnegie Hall. Duh.

Soccer WATCH

Next up: The DFW Tornados, Saturday, May 17, 7:30pm at Round Rock High's Dragon Stadium, just off I-35 and FM 620. \$8, \$5 for kids.

The European season comes to its climax next Wednesday, as **Manchester United plays Chelsea** in the **Champions League Final**: May 21, 1:30pm, live from Moscow on ESPN2. Those two went down to the last day of the season on Sunday before Man U took the English Premier League title. Other champions: **PSV Eindhoven** in Holland and **Bayern Munich** in Germany; **Inter Milan** must beat Parma to claim its third straight Italian title (live on FSC, 8am Sunday). Also: The **FA Cup Final**, Portsmouth-Cardiff, this Saturday, May 17, 10am, only on Setanta (pay-per-view or Fad6 Pub).

Russia's **Zenit St. Petersburg** won its first major European trophy Wednesday, beating Glasgow Rangers 2-0 in the **UEFA Cup** final at City of Manchester Stadium. – Nick Barbaro

Thursday 22

ST. DAVID'S SPEAKER SERIES Join Peter Bay, renowned music director of the Austin Symphony Orchestra, for a discussion on how the Long Center became a reality and what the future holds. RSVP by May 20. Noon. *St. David's Episcopal Church*, 304 E. Seventh, 610-3556. \$8. www.stdave.org.

U.S. & EL SALVADOR LECTURE Listen well! UT associate professor of journalism Lynn de Uriarte talks about U.S. activities in El Salvador in the Eighties. The lecture is in conjunction with the photo exhibit "Inside El Salvador." 7pm. *Harry Ransom Center*, 300 W. 21st, 471-8944. Free.

WINE-GRAPE GROWER'S WORKSHOP Thinking of starting a career in viticulture? This meeting will give you the lowdown on the ups and downs of growing grapes in Texas, from risk factors to labor costs. 9am-3pm. *Texas AgriLife Extension Service office*, 95 Frederick Rd., Fredericksburg, 830/997-7047. \$100. bmazurek@ag.tamu.edu.

YOGA DOC BENEFIT Help the Save Our Springs Alliance by attending this screening of *Living Yoga: The Life and Teachings of Swami Sachidananda*. Don't know this guy? Apparently he's the Velvet Underground of yoga, inspiring countless individuals to take up yoga and teach it to others. 6:30 & 8pm. *One World Theatre*, 7701 Bee Caves Rd., 330-9500. \$5 suggested donation. www.oneworldtheatre.org.

PROSPERITY EFT CIRCLE (See Thursday 5/15.)

UNDERSTANDING ALTERNATE FINANCING (See Tuesday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Austin Woman's Film, Music & Literary

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Casablanca @ Paramount, 9:15pm
Key Largo @ Paramount, 7pm

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Arab League, Foot Patrol Room 710
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The Last Days of Desmond Nani Reese: A Stripper's History of the World

The Vortex, through May 18

A gal dressed as a raggedy stripper of old with a penchant for black lace and ruffles appears onstage, a handheld microphone tucked into her cleavage. A person could be excused for having doubts.

Only, like all strippers, this show's got layers.

Hosted by the Vortex Repertory Company, *The Last Days of Desmond Nani Reese* shows a fallen woman who has been falling for most of her 108 years. Now, as she lives out her final days in a condemned cottage with way too many cats, a feminist graduate student named Amber von Anschloss has chosen Desmond to be the final interview for her thesis. It is a history of the world as told by loose women.

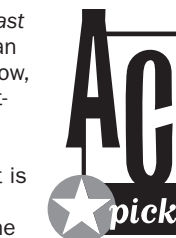
Amber is the most fun character to watch, as she crumbles under the weight of no grant money, a difficult subject, and an overuse of words like "herstory" and "hegemony." Writer and solo performer Heather Woodbury of Los Angeles pegs the well-meaning feminist at the right spot between caricature and pathos.

When playing Desmond herself, Woodbury is stubborn and crotchety – perhaps too much so. Even the spryest of 108-year-olds is not going to dash after a misbehaving cat like a woman on fire.

The script is the real strength of *The Last Days*. As Amber probes and pleads with Desmond for the story of her life as a stripper, she struggles to validate her own story. In the uphill battle to complete her thesis and empower sex workers through the ages, her layers are peeled away, one by one.

Desmond is a champion stripper, even if Woodbury finds herself hung up on the odd clasp of bra or turn of phrase. She tantalizes, tempts, and teases Amber and the audience as she reveals only pieces of her life at a time. She also retains total control – at least of the interviews, if not her life.

The Last Days compares strippers and storytellers, whores and academics, sex workers and artists, all of which has been done before. This time, the play humanizes them and leaves them all at the end without much cover.



AC pick

Rude Mechs' ongoing Fusion series. (See "Object Lesson," p.32, for more.) *May 15-June 1. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5pm. The Off Center, 2211-A Hidalgo, 476-7833. \$15-25. www.rudemechs.com.*

THE LOVE SONATAS Manuel Zarate's ambitious five-play cycle, produced by the HMBG Foundation in the Long Center's Rollins Theatre, explores the entangled lives of 20 people struggling to connect and to answer the question, "What is love?" Multimedia, multitasking, multipartite narratives, with each play in the cycle helmed by a different director: **Act One: Foursquare**, directed by Aaron Sanders. *Sun., May 18, 8pm; Fri., May 23, 8pm; Mon., May 26, 8pm; Sat., May 31, 11am. Act Two: Sonata Escondida*, directed by Will Hollis Snider. *Mon., May 19, 8pm; Sat., May 24, 8pm; Wed., May 28, 8pm; Sat., May 31, 3:30pm. Act Three: Shards*, directed by Paula Russell. *Tue., May 20, 8pm; Sat., May 24, 2pm; Thu., May 29, 8pm; Sat., May 31, 8pm. Act Four: Stroke*, directed by Robert Matney. *Wed., May 21, 8pm; Sun., May 25, 8pm; Fri., May 30, 8pm; Sun., June 1, 2pm. Act Five: Kuka*, directed by Mark Pickell. *Thu., May 22, 8pm; Sun., May 25, 2pm; Tue., May 27, 8pm; Sun., June 1, 6:30pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 482-0800. \$22. www.thelongcenter.org.*

CLOSING

★ **THE LAST DAYS OF DESMOND NANI REESE: A STRIPPER'S HISTORY OF THE WORLD** Recent Obie-winner and acclaimed woman-of-a-million-personalities **Heather Woodbury** brings her newest one-woman show to the Vortex for a Texas premiere. Directed by Abigail Deser, it's the story of (among so many other things) a "half-mad, 108-year-old legendary stripper who is holed up in

a shack on an Echo Park hillside overlooking five freeways." It's also the story of the young "ethno-femino-dance anthropologist" who interviews the old ecdyasiast in the post-quake, post-drought, thoroughly afflicted Los Angeles of 2014. We needn't quote the *Times* or *Variety* or whomever; we've seen her work before, and we'll say it ourselves: *Heather Woodbury is astonishing!* Yes, that's a rave, that's a recommendation, that's a – get your tickets in advance, yeah. (See review above.) *Through May 18. Wed.-Sun., 8pm. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd., 478-5282. \$10-30 (two-for-one tickets on Thursday, with two nonperishable food items for SafePlace). www.vortexrep.org.*

LOVE LETTERS A lifetime of correspondence between an artist and a lawyer, rendered dramatic in this work by A.R. Gurney, is read by Jennifer Warwick and Paul Standefer under the direction of Chester Eitze. *Through May 16. Fri.-Sat., 7:30pm. Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring, Bastrop. 512/321-6283. Also, in Austin: Sat., May 17, 7:30pm. Grace United Methodist Church, 205 E. Monroe. \$5. www.bastropoperahouse.com.*

ONGOING

AUSTIN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING The Bard's comedic "war of the sexes" gets a fresh and music-filled rendition in this ASF production, going all "Shakespeare Under the Stars" (hey, bring a pick-a-nick!) on the Zilker Park hillside. The play's classic hijinks and lovely badinage, directed by Ann Ciccolella, are abetted by parodies of pop songs on period instruments, as composed by Steve Saugey and sung by Kirsten Dorn. *Through May 25. Thu.-Sun., 8pm. Sheffield Zilker Hillside Theatre, 2206 William Barton. Free.*

DOUBT It's nun vs. priest in this faith-rending power struggle from John Patrick Shanley (author of the film *Moonstruck*), directed for Zach Scott by Steven Dietz, as an intense game of cat-and-mouse unfolds in a Bronx Catholic school in 1964. *Through June 8. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2:30pm. Zach Theatre, 1510 Toomey, 476-0541. www.zachscott.com*

DINNER THEATRE

THE FALSETTO Gary Payne's Capital City Mystery Players spoof a certain popular HBO series, in a venue featuring Italian cuisine (appropriately enough) that lets you twirl your vermicelli (or divide your veal Parmesan or what-have-you) while trying to sleuth out the culprit of this interactive comedy – and the best detective in your crowd wins a prize. *Saturdays, through May 31. 7pm. Spaghetti Warehouse, 117 W. Fourth, 404-9123. \$29.95. www.capcitymystery.com.*

AUDITIONS

KIDNAPPED BY CRAIGSLIST This new comedy, based on actual Craigslistings, will be directed by Jason Hays for Shrewd Productions in July. They're looking for "creative, open-minded, fun-loving performers who can sing, dance, juggle, play instruments – or any combination thereof." Actors will be compensated. Call or e-mail for details. *Sat., May 17. Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 921-6552. shrewdproductions@gmail.com.*

VORTEX: SUMMER YOUTH THEATRE The Vortex is seeking students (ages 13-17) to participate in this year's tuition-free program: a production of Richard Brinsley Sheridan's classic comedy, *School for Scandal*, to be directed by Betsy McCann. Students of any ethnicity or heritage, or students with any disabilities or economic challenges, are welcome; no experience necessary. Sign up now: See the website for applications. Auditions: *May 24-June 3. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd., 478-5282. www.vortexrep.org.*

THEATRE CALL BOARD

DIVERSITY PHOTO-DOCUMENTARY CALL FOR MODELS Ricardo Acevedo seeks models for US, a portrait project documenting Austin's multiracial families, couples, and individuals. Exhibition scheduled for July 2008. 1601 E. Fifth #106, 477-9438. *freaksamor7@yahoo.com.*

SBCT PLAYWRITING CONTEST Sam Bass Community Theatre is soliciting submissions of original full-length plays. Submissions will be reviewed by a committee of experienced SBCT directors. The six finalists will each receive a two-performance reading open to the public. The winning play will receive a fully mounted production during SBCT's 2008-09 season. Submissions must be previously unproduced to be considered. See their website for details; send your plays to: *Frank Benge, P.O. Box 767, Round Rock, TX 78680. Deadline: May 31. www.sambasstheatre.org*

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Theatre

OPENING

ART The City Theatre frames Yasmina Reza's Tony-winning comedy about the meaning (or lack thereof) of art – and friendship and life in general. Directed by Steven Pounders. *May 15-June 8. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5:30pm. City Theatre, 3823 Airport Ste. D, 524-2870. \$15-25 (\$12, students; pay what you can, Thursdays). www.citytheatreaustin.org.*

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM The Velvet Rut Theatre's Japhy Fernandes directs this Shakespeare favorite as a tribute to the films of Jim Jarmusch. Yes, that's what we said. *May 15-June 7. Thu.-Sat., 8pm. 1612 E. Seventh, 236-1092. Pay what you can. ceasarnbice@yahoo.com.*

DOG SEES GOD: CONFESSIONS OF A TEENAGE BLOCKHEAD Oh, good grief! Ken Webster directs the Austin premiere of this dark Bert V. Royal comedy that catches up with a certain gang of former young'uns as they struggle through their gateway-drugging, sexual-exploring, rebellious high school years. We can almost hear the late Mr. Schulz spinning in his grave. *May 15-June 14. Thu.-Sat., 8pm. Hyde Park Theatre, 511 W. 43rd, 479-PLAY. \$17 (\$15, students, seniors, ACoT; pay what you can, Thursdays). www.hydeparktheatre.org.*

WHEN SOMETHING WONDERFUL ENDS stars (frequent *Chronicle* writer) Barbara Chisholm and a 1964 bubble-cut Barbie in near mint condition, bringing to life Sherry Kramer's compelling exploration of maternal death, America's dependence on foreign oil, and Barbie dolls. Directed by Katie Pearl for Red Then Productions, it's part of the

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Comedy

IN THE CLUBS

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Craig Gass No, baby, calm down: We're not going to mention anything about Jumpin' Jack Flash in this blurb. We'll just do you a solid and note that **Trey Galyon** opens for this fellow. Ha, ha: solid. *May 15-17. Thu., 7:30pm; Fri-Sat., 7 & 9:30pm.*

Ryan Hamilton Has nothing – or, at least, *extremely little* – to do with the upcoming SVT show called *Hamilton Township*. Trust us on this. You can also take our word that **Barrett Goldsmith** opens for him. When? Oh: *May 20-24. Tue-Thu., 8pm; Fri-Sat., 8 & 10:30pm.*

COLDTOWNE THEATER 4803 Airport. www.coldtowne.com.

Improv out the Wazoo Some of Austin's best stand-up and (especially) improv in this weekly mix: **Parallelogramophonograph** They're fast, they're funny, they're totally *kawaii*. *Thu., 8pm. Thursday Night Awesome* is where Chris Trew and Dave Buckman present a variety of acts (and sometimes *interview* those acts) like they've gone all cleverly vaudeville on us. *Thu., 10pm. Hangin' With Mr. the P! Company* comprises sketches and video and video sketches and (putatively) some of Austin's "hottest bachelors." *Thu., 11:30pm. Proctor* is hosted this week by **Joel "God's Livewire" Keith**, with the **Smoking Arm** and the **Draft**. *Fri., 8pm. That Other Paper presents Punchline.* The popular stand-up showcase continues. *Fri., 10pm. Stool Pigeon* features a mystery guest in a sort of modified Armando, thus jump-starting the she-nanigans that ensue. *Saturday, 8pm. Cold, Cold Improv* The ColdTowne house troupe improvises up a conflagration for your entertainment, this night with **Look Cookie**. *Sat., 10pm.*

ESTHER'S POOL 525 E. Sixth, 320-0553. www.esthersfollies.com.

Esther's Follies: World Gone Wild The most popular troupe in town returns with its riotous musical send-ups of local and national politics and cultural phenomena, making already hot topics burn with a bright comic intensity, with the incredible and – *ai! ai! ai!* – spicy illusions of master magician **Ray Anderson**. Thrills! Chills! Ripped-from-the-headlines events turned into comedy gold! *Reservations highly recommended. Thu.-Fri, 8pm; Sat., 8 & 10pm. \$20 (discounts available Thursdays & Fridays for seniors, students, military).* Additional \$5 for special reserved seats.

THE HIDEOUT THEATRE 617 Congress, 443-3688.

Friday: It's **Threefer Madness** time, in which a trio of troupes battles for supremacy. *8pm. \$10.* Then you've got a **Double Barrel** waiting for you, featuring two – count 'em: two – improv teams on creative fire. *10pm. \$10.*

Saturday: Asaf Ronen and friends present a riotous group of comedians in a show called **Ka-Baam!!** – where new and unusual superheroes (powered by *your* suggestions) come to life onstage. *8pm. \$10. Maestro* is a fierce, multi-partite battle for supremacy among improvisers, scored by *you*, the audience. *Highly recommended. 10pm. \$10.*

VELVEETA ROOM 521 E. Sixth, 469-9116. www.thevelveetaroom.com.

Open Mic Night These are your would-be comedic neighbors, three minutes at a time: Love them; fear them. This week's host: **Shane Hebert**. *Thursdays, 10pm.*

Matt Sadler We'll say it again: **Matt Sadler**. You really don't need to know more, as just his name alone is assurance of beer-out-your-nose laughs. No, not that it's a *funny* name, y'idjit, but that Sadler is always ... aw, you know what we mean. Highly fucking recommended. And **Dale Alexander** and **Shane Hebert** open. *Fri.-Sat., May 16-17, 9:30 & 11:30pm. \$5.*

BUT WAIT – THERE'S MORE!

LAST GAS COMEDY Stand-up comedy every Saturday. *Sat., May 17, 9pm. Homer's Bar & Grill, 1779 Wells Branch Pkwy. #114. Free. www.lastgascomedy.com.*

KICK BUTT COMEDY OPEN MIC This takes some bravery; it could be painful or hilarious, but we reckon the beverages are always good there in Gohring-sensei's martial-arts-inflected java joint. (Arrive early to sign up.) *Wednesdays, 8pm. Kick Butt Coffee, 5775 Airport #725, 454-5425.*

★ **FUNNIEST PERSON IN AUSTIN COMPETITION** The yearly showdown has begun, giving you something funny to do on what might've been just another boring Monday night. See top talents and complete unknowns battle it out for the right to the coveted title. There's a diverse slate of comics each night, some hilarious, some unforgivably lame, all set on victory, their eyes weirdly ablaze with the lust for fame and fortune. *Through May 31. Mondays, 8pm. Cap City Comedy Club, 8120 Research #100, 467-2333. www.capcitycomedy.com.*

COMEDY AFTER HOURS Hey, it's a new venue for stand-up comedy, based in Dave and Buster's. Like this: "Each Friday night will feature a local MC, an opener, and the headliner, running about an hour to an hour and a half." This week: **Nancy Reed** and **Roy Haber**. *Fri., May 16, 8 & 10pm. Dave and Buster's, 9333 Research Ste. A-600, 346-8015. \$14 (\$12, students, military). www.comedyafterhoursaustin.com.*

THE AUSTIN COMEDY TRAINWRECK features the best comics in Austin, so they say – right there in the Hole, on the Drag, deep in the heart of collegiate Texas. *Tuesdays, 10pm. Hole in the Wall, 2538 Guadalupe, 477-4747. \$5. www.myspace.com/austincomedytrainwreck.*

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MELISSA AMIRA'S CAROUSEL CARAVAN Jeanette hosts this monthly shimmy, featuring a host of hot belly dancers in one of Austin's coolest bars. CDs, DVD, and costumes for sale. *Every third Saturday, 8pm. Carousel Lounge, 1110 E. 52nd, 452-6790. Free. www.carouseloungeaustin.com.*

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School of Dance, 5811 Berkman. \$14 each class.
DANCE INTERNATIONAL Each night features a variety of ballroom and Latin dances; each month sees the start of a new, progressive course. No partner necessary. Also: **Volunteers sought**; help out in exchange for dance lessons. *Sundays, 6-8pm. Dancers Workshop, 183 & Balcones Woods. Weeknights, times vary. Hills Fitness Center, 4615 Bee Caves Rd. 32-DANCE. Fees vary. www.dancein.org.*

LUCILA DANCE PRODUCTIONS: CLASSES FORMING Classes are forming now in belly dancing (all levels), flamenco, salsa/merengue, hip-hop, creative movement for ages 5-10, and tai chi. *Lucila Dance Studio, 1700 S. Lamar. 416-8800. www.luciladance.com.*

BELLY-DANCE CLASSES WITH TWYLA GRACE Twyla of Twyla & The Twilight Star Ensemble teaches ongoing classes in belly dance. Call or write for details. *Mon. & Wed., 8:30-9:30pm, 12687 Research at Oak Knoll, 971-0188. www.twylabellydance.com.*

BELLY-DANCE CLASSES Learn traditional and classical Egyptian techniques in this fun and fast-paced class. Contact Drakon for details. *512/750-7037. \$13 per class; \$66 for six classes. www.desertpassion.com.*

SALSA @ THE CEPEDA BRANCH Adult salsa classes for beginners. *Saturdays through the end of May, 2-4pm. Cepeda Branch Austin Public Library, 651 N. Pleasant Valley. 974-7372. Free. www.ci.austin.tx.us/library.*

AUSTIN BALLROOM DANCERS ABD sponsors ballroom dancing with DJ-ed music weekly, year-round. *Saturdays, 8-11pm; minilessons, 7:30pm. Austin Uptown Dance, 8868 Research. 989-3939. www.austinballroomdancers.org.*

ARIEL DANCE THEATRE: NEW MODERN CLASSES Taught by Andrea Ariel. Open to all levels. *Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm; Thursdays, 7:15-8:45pm. Knabele Studio, 701 W. Seventh. 458-4258. \$12.*

CONTACT IMPROVISATION DANCE JAMS Participants move in and out of contact with one or more people through a common center of gravity. All are welcome. *Tuesdays, 8-10pm; Sundays, 4:30-6pm. Austin Yoga School, 1122-C S. Lamar. \$5.*

SCOTTISH BALLROOM DANCING Learn the ballroom dances of Scotland: lively jigs and reels and elegant strathspeys; no partner needed but couples welcome. *Thursdays, 7-8:30pm. Quicksilver Dance Center, 8711 Burnet Rd. Ste. H-100. 327-2869. First class free.*

FOLKLORE ARGENTINO Introductory level gato, chacarera, and more. *Tuesdays, 7:45pm. EsquinaTango, 209 Pedernales. 524-2772. \$12 each class. www.esquinatangoaustin.com.*

ESTUDIO FLAMENCO Flamenco dance classes, centrally located. Beginners: *Saturdays, noon-1pm.* Intermediate: *Saturdays, 1-2:30pm. 2801 W. 45th. 382-1366. Fees vary. www.estudioflamenco.com.*

MODERN DANCE CLASSES Ellen Bartel of Spank Dance Company leads a series of classes in modern dance (all levels). Times and prices vary. See



the website for details. *Tapestry Dance Company studios, 2302 Western Trails. www.tapestry.org.*

SOLID CHROME DANCERS Learn the Texas two-step and Western swing in a real honky-tonk. Singles and couples welcome to these ongoing classes. *Thursdays, 8pm. Broken Spoke, 3201 S. Lamar, 417-7383. \$8. www.myspace.com/solidchromedancers.*

SCANDINAVIAN DANCING Turning and improvised couple dancing for beginning to advanced dancers. No partners needed; wear slick-soled shoes. *Thursdays, 7:30-9:45pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover, 454-0598. \$3. www.austinscandi.org.*

AUSTIN BARN DANCERS: CONTRA DANCE Traditional social dances to live music every week. You don't need a partner, and every dance will be taught before you stride out on your own. Make new friends in a very casual atmosphere. *Wednesdays, 7:30pm. Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st, 453-4225. \$3 donation. www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/hancock.htm.*

NIA CLASSES The Nia Technique is a high-powered energizing workout inspired by dance, martial arts, and healing arts. The first class is free. *Mon. & Fri., 9:30-10:30am; Mon. & Thu., 6-7pm; Sat., 10:30am. Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st, 922-1581. \$10 each class. www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/hancock.htm.*

AUSTIN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS Learn a variety of couples and line dances from around the world before giving it a whirl during the open dance session. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. No partner required. *Saturdays, 7:30pm (lessons); 8:15-11pm (open dance). Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st, 481-9362. \$5. www.aifd.cc.*

AUSTIN GAY/LESBIAN SALSA GROUP Welcome this free group that invites gays/lesbians to learn (or already know) how to salsa to gather and dance. *Wednesdays. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. Free. www.groups.yahoo.com/group/austingaysalsa.*

SPEAKEASY: SALSA LESSONS Combining the classic sultry moves and one of Austin's fave hangouts with live Latin music. *Wednesdays, 9pm. Speakeasy, 412 Congress, 47-PARTY. Free. www.speakeasyaustin.com.*

FOUR ON THE FLOOR: CLASSES Ongoing classes for various levels of expertise in swing and Lindy Hop culminate in a weekly dance. New classes usually start the first Tuesday of the new month. *Tuesdays, 7pm (classes), 9:30pm (open dance). Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Ballroom, 2312 San Gabriel, 453-3889. Prices vary. www.fouronthefloor.com.*

AUSTIN SWING SYNDICATE A couple hundred swingers hit the dance floor once a week for DJ-spun sounds of past blasts. A beginners' lesson starts the evening. *Thursdays, 8pm-12mid. Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Ballroom, 2312 San Gabriel, 476-5845. \$4 (\$2, members). www.austinswingsyndicate.org.*

Classical Music

OPENING

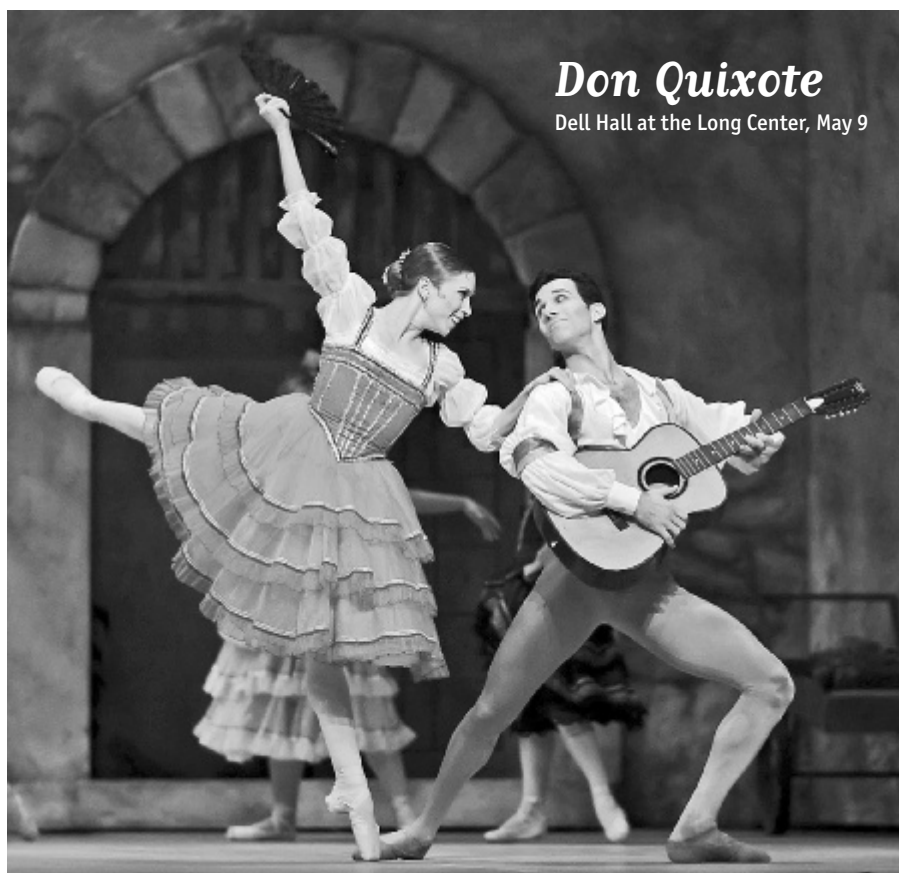
RIVER CITY POPS: CABARESQUE The ever-popular song-and-dance ensemble takes audiences on an intimate musical journey of Latin, jazz, pop, swing, and rock & roll songs. *May 16-18. Fri., 8pm; Sat., 4 & 8 pm; Sun., 7pm. Austin Scottish Rite Theatre, 207 W. 18th, 350-7677. \$20 (\$15, seniors, students; \$10, ages 11 and younger). www.rivercitypops.org.*

AUSTIN CIVIC ORCHESTRA: SPRING CONCERT Music from the great operas are highlighted as ACO is joined by four local vocalists performing some of their favorite arias. Baritone Bruce Cain, mezzo-soprano Carol Kreuscher, tenor David Stephens, and soprano Claire Vangelisti sing from works by Verdi, Nicolai, Mozart, and Bizet. The concert opens with Wagner and closes with Stravinsky. *Sat., May 17, 7:30pm. St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, 12041 Bittern Hollow. 301-7370. \$10 (\$8, students; \$3, ages 11 and younger). www.austincivicorchestra.org.*

AUSTIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: BEETHOVEN'S NINTH SYMPHONY Maestro Peter Bay and symphony present a stellar evening that includes Beethoven's eighth and ninth symphonies, augmented by the vocal forces of Chorus Austin and guest soloists Mary Dunleavy, soprano; Dana Beth Miller, mezzo-soprano; Karl Dent, tenor;

The title notwithstanding, Cervantes' man of La Mancha does not star in the 19th century ballet that legendary choreographer Marius Petipa shaped from his 17th century novel. The aged nobleman who imagines himself a knight of old is, alas, too wintry a figure for a dance so focused on spring. This ballet is all about the youthful fire in the blood: the ardor of matadors, the passion of gypsies, the not-to-be-denied romance of young lovers. Its heart lies with Kitri and Basilio, the young couple whose amorous affair is threatened by Gamache, a wealthy fop who's angling for Kitri's hand and has the all-important blessing of her innkeeper father. Their tale takes center stage throughout most of this work, and whenever Don Quixote does appear, he is soon relegated to bystander status as younger, more vital characters express their fervent feelings in ever more animated and spectacular dances.

As such, you can see why Ballet Austin would want to close out the current season with *Don Quixote*. Not only does its springlike air befit the time of year, but its bounty of spectacle makes for a splashy company debut at the Long Center and an impressive showcase for a corps of talented young dancers. And on opening night of the production's three-performance run, youthful vigor and good humor pretty much carried the day. Michelle Thompson made a flirtatious, frisky Kitri, with flashing eyes and a teasing smile and so much kinetic energy bottled up inside that when she moved from one foot to the other, she popped off the ground. She was more than a match for Frank Shott's Basilio, whose open smile softened the character's rascally edges and made him the kind of bad boy a mother would approve of. They were a playful pair who faced little in the way of peril from Kitri's dad – David Gensheimer, tilting toward oafishness – or Gamache, who was preposterous in



Don Quixote

Dell Hall at the Long Center, May 9

age and experience. In *Don Quixote*, the dancers who often proved the most compelling were the ones who have been with the company for more than a decade. They would finish off a move with a flourish – a flick of the wrist, a twist of the ankle, a snap of the head – that just made the movement pop and made you feel you were watching fully developed characters instead of dancers executing steps. The duets between Anthony Casati's Espada and Allisyn Paino's Mercedes sparked with such flourishes, and Gina Patterson's turn as the Queen of the Dryads flashed with them as well. They were displays of, to use a word not much in fashion nowadays, showmanship, which is something that can take a performance beyond virtuosity and make it truly come alive. As it's the kind of virtue revered and represented by Don Quixote – cherished in the past and not as appreciated now – it seemed fitting to note here. And seeing it practiced so skillfully by artists who have given so much of themselves to Ballet Austin made me feel all the more keenly what the company will lose with the retirement of Casati, Patterson, Eric Midgley, and Jim Stein. They are as the knight is, noble and wise in the ways of yore. And they will be missed.

– Robert Faires

and Donnie Ray Albert, bass. Come early for Bob Buckalew's Concert Conversation. *Fri.-Sat., May 16-17, 8pm (Concert Conversation, 7:10pm). Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 476-6064, 888/4-MAESTRO. \$19-48 (student tickets available 20 minutes before the show for \$5 cash). www.austinsymphony.org.*



INDIA FINE ARTS: ARUNA SAIRAM Vocalist Aruna Sairam is joined by H.N. Bhaskar (violin) and J. Vaidyanathan (mridangam) in this concert of Carnatic music. *Sat., May 17, 6:30pm. Lanier High School, 1201 Payton Gin. 918-1351. \$20 (\$15, seniors, students; free, IFA members). www.austinifa.org.*

KEYS OF LIFE: DUETS Four-handed piano pieces include works by Beethoven, Mozart, Clementi, and Tchaikovsky. *Sat., May 17, 3pm. King-Seabrook Chapel at Huston-Tillotson College, 900 Chicon, 505-3139. Free. www.kol-kidz.com.*

MUSICA SACRA: DEDICATORY CONCERT Dedicatory for the Hubbard double harpsichord, featuring works by Bach, Telemann, and Haydn. A host of well-known musicians performs on early-music instruments. *Sun., May 18, 3pm. First United Methodist Church, 1201 Lavaca. 478-5684 x209.*

AUSTIN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE: BLAZING NEW TRAILS ACE performs works for wind quintet by contemporary American composers Charles Rochester, John Lampkin, and Carolyn Bremer, complementing compositions by Barber, Strauss, and Piazzolla. *Sun., May 18, 3pm. Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3201 Windsor. 345-3399. \$20 (\$15, seniors, students; \$5, ages 10 and younger). www.austinchamberensemble.com.*

P. KELLACH WADDLE: NEW WORKS The acclaimed composer and bassist will include three movements from the Fifth Suite for unaccompanied cello by J.S. Bach (bass transcription by H.

Sterling), the world premiere of Massachusetts composer Carson Cooman's "Ode for Solo Bass," written specifically for Waddle, and two of his own works: "Nocturne #2" and the premiere of "A Cold February Sun." *Sun., May 18, following the 6pm prayer. Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3201 Windsor. Free. www.gsaustin.org.*

ENCHANTED EVENING AT LAGUNA GLORIA: A BENEFIT FOR TINA MARSH A wonderful lineup of musicians and dancers are on tap for this fundraiser for local vocalist and Creative Opportunity Orchestra founder, Tina Marsh. Among the stellar group: Graham Reynolds, Oliver Rajamani and Anuradha Naimpally, Acia Grey/Tapestry Dance Company, Blue Lapis Light, and more. A silent auction rounds out the festivities. Bring a picnic; a cash bar is on hand with wine, beer, and desserts. Funds raised go towards Marsh's medical costs during her ongoing treatment for cancer. *Sun., May 18, 6-9pm. Laguna Gloria, 3809 W. 35th, 458-8191. \$25. www.creop.org.*

3 REDNECK TENORS This musical comedy featuring classically trained artists from Broadway and world opera stages is "like *Greater Tuna* meets *Das Barbecue*." "Down-home laughs with big city music," too, they say. We're not gonna argue; but we'd more likely reference *Hee Haw*, if only because we're still mourning Buck Owens. *Salute! Tue., May 20, 8pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 474-5664. \$15-30. www.thelongcenter.org.*

Visual Arts

EVENTS

BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART Third Thursday theme is Where in the Art World? Activities include Art Fix, Yoga in the Galleries, Blanton Book Club, and Art Brief Tour. *Thu., May 15, 5-9pm.*

AFG: EXQUISITE TELEPHONE CORPSE Here's a one-night display of paintings based on the old children's game called "Telephone." Some of the artists represented: Chris Chappell, David Ohlerking, Gracer Borengasser, snarko!, Laura Maltz, David Robinson, Kate Payne, Katrina Zarate. It's an exhibition; it's a party, yo. *Sat., May 17, 7pm. 301 Chicon Unit F, 296-6624. www.austinflgurativegallery.com.*

INK SLINGERS BALL The Amazing Hancock Brothers, in cahoots with the Creative Workers Union, have assembled today's freshest printmakers for a two-day art ordeal smack dab in the cultural hub of the ATX. Behold "dirty divas of the deckle edge, outlaw printmakers, and the acid-etched bringers of ink-driven mayhem," along with live music from HUG and others, printing demos by Industry Print Studios and Drive-By Press, and who knows what other alcohol-fueled hijinks. *May 16-17. Fri., 6-11pm; Sat., noon-6pm. United States Art Authority, 512 W. 29th, 480-9562. Free. www.creativeworkersunion.org.*

OPENING

DAVIS GALLERY McCallum High School Fine Arts Academy Visual Arts Spring Exhibition runs *May 19-31.* Reception featuring the artists, *Saturday, May 24, 5-7pm. 837 W. 12th, 477-4929. www.davisgalleryaustin.com.*

DOUGHERTY ARTS CENTER: STEVE BRUDNIAK The divine madman returns with "Noumenon," a new array of arcane and faintly steampunky sculptures expertly crafted from metal, glass, wood, and the deep technological eddies of his mind. Exhibition: *May 20-July 1.* Reception: *Fri., May 30, 6-9pm. Gallery talk: Sat., June 28, 1pm. 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 397-1468. www.ci.austin.tx.us.*

CLOSING

ART PALACE: SWAN SCHOOL; THE MATRICULATION Ali Fitzgerald's second solo exhibition here uses drawing-based sculptures, dioramas, and site-specific installations to explore victimization and violence within an adolescent caste system. *2109 Cesar Chavez, 496-0687. www.artpalacegallery.com.*

YARD DOG: MIKE MILLER The artist uses vintage photos to create his silhouette collages in this show called "The Other Side of Anonymity." *Through May 18. 1510 S. Congress, 912-1613. www.yarddog.com.*

D BERMAN GALLERY: MALCOLM BUCKNALL A chameleonlike eclecticism has characterized the artist's work, but the common thread in Bucknall's compelling revisionist imagery is an animal-human mix. Imagine Delacroix was a Furry. *Through May 17. 1701 Guadalupe, 477-8877. www.dbermangallery.com.*

ONGOING

EYE CONTACT ART showcases the work of Joshua Garcia and others. *12400 Amherst #102, 825-8577. www.eyecontaktart.com.*

AUSTIN GALLERIES: 20TH CENTURY MASTERS Original lithographs, etchings, intaglios, and screen prints by Marc Chagall, Salvador Dalí, Pablo Picasso, and more. *1219 W. Sixth.*

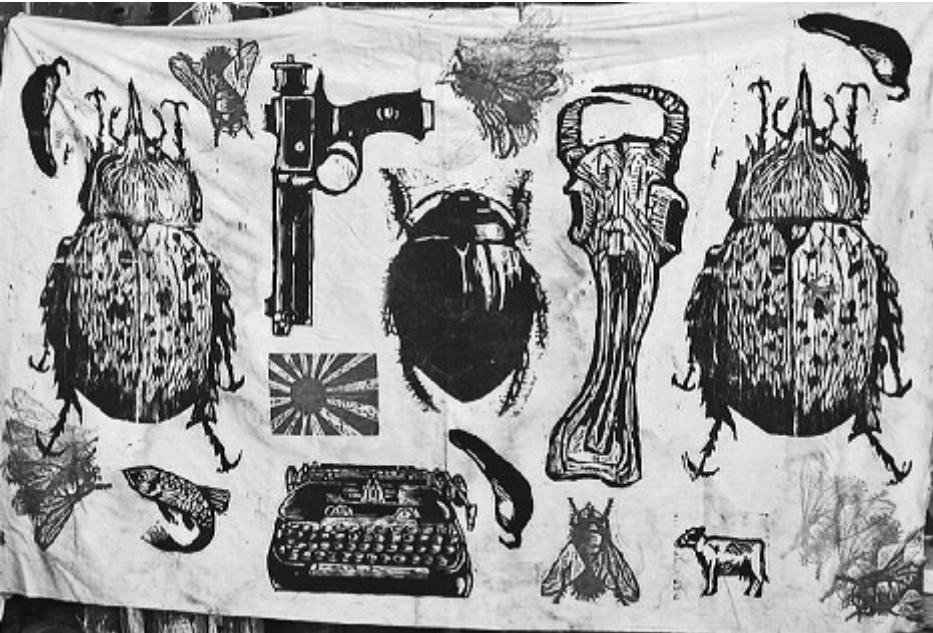
CORONADO STUDIOS The Serie Project, a non-profit Latino arts organization hosted by Coronado Studios, produces, promotes, and exhibits serigraph prints created by diverse artists. *6601 Felix, 385-3591. www.serieproject.org.*

PRO-JEX GALLERY: AUSTIN SEEN Photography by Jo Ann Santangelo celebrates the real faces of Austin. *Through May 31. 1710 S. Lamar, 472-7707.*

ART ALLIANCE AUSTIN + PUMP PROJECT In its second show, Art Alliance Austin has teamed up with Pump Project Art Complex to display the works of local artists at this new location. *315 Congress #100, 610-4211. www.artallianceaustin.org.*

ART ON 5TH: PAINTING THE TOWN – AUSTIN ORIGINALS *Through May 31. 1501 W. Fifth, 481-1111. www.arton5th.com.*

ARTAMICI FINE ART GALLERY is featuring work by artists from Argentina, Mexico, Chile, and Peru; paintings by Augustina Rodríguez, Oscar Riquelme, and Pablo Taboada; drawings by Gilberto Ramirez;



This weekend's Ink Slingers Ball from the Creative Workers Union boasts prints a-go-go, like this fine piece by Charles Hancock of the Amazing Hancock Brothers.

and metal sculpture by Augusto Brocca. *78 San Marcos, 457-0171. www.pablotaboadastudio.com.*

AUSTIN ART GLASS This glassblowing studio and gallery offers functional and decorative glass art, as well as glassblowing classes and free demonstrations. *1608 S. Congress, 916-4527. www.austinartglass.com.*

AVENUE GALLERY: THE MANY FACES OF DUNCAN features photographs of the popular Scottish Fold cat belonging to photographer Kip Holm. *1510½ S. Congress, 442-3600. www.avenuegallerysoco.com.*

BLANTON: IN KATRINA'S WAKE The latest exhibit in the museum's contemporary series serves as a report on post-Katrina art and artists from New Orleans and across the country. *Through May 25. MLK & Congress, 471-7324. www.blantonmuseum.org.*

BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART The Blanton's popular **UT Faculty Triennial** exhibition resumes in the new museum. This year's guest curator is James Elaine of UCLA's Hammer Museum of Art. Exhibition: *Through June 8. The Language of Prints* explores the medium as a uniquely rich and collective system of expression, a language, with distinctive principles, persistent tendencies, and shared processes. *Through Aug. 17. MLK & Congress, 471-7324. www.blantonmuseum.org.*

BLUE MOON GLASSWORKS Unique handmade glass art and jewelry. *108 W. 43rd, 380-0770. www.austinbluemoon.com.*

BIG MEDIUM: BEAT Photographer and filmmaker Christopher Felver has documented outstanding figures of the Beat Generation for more than three decades. You know: Kerouac, Ginsberg, Ferlinghetti, Baraka, all that wordy crowd. This exhibition presents images from Felver's newest book. Also: a screening of several of his short films. *5305 Bolm. www.bolmstudios.com.*

THE CATHEDRAL OF JUNK is approximately 60 tons of junk wired together over 15 years to form intricate towers and rooms in the backyard of a South Austin home. Hours: *Sundays, 11am-2pm, or by appt. 4422 Lareina, 299-7413. www.keepaustinweird.com.*

DESIGN CENTER OF AUSTIN: BIKE ART EXHIBITION This show uses artistic expression to explore Austin's love of bicycling. *Through May 31. 3601 S. Congress, 441-5540. www.designcenterofaustin.com.*

DIBONA STUDIO Oil paintings and "sculptural tattoos" by Joyce DiBona. *404 W. Milton, 851-2646.*

FRANCOIS PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY *309-B Bowie, 320-0072.*

HARRY RANSOM CENTER: ON THE ROAD WITH THE BEATS This exhibition traces the travels of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, and their friends across America and the globe. Manuscripts, books, photographs, and visual arts from the Ransom Center's collections tell the story of the Beat Generation and the literary and social trends they inspired. (The scroll manuscript of Kerouac's *On the Road* will be on display through June 1.) *Through Aug. 3. 300 W. 21st, 471-8944. www.hrc.utexas.edu.*

FACES & FLOWERS Photographs by Daniel Llanes, at the Mexican American Cultural Center. *Through June 29. 600 River St., 478-6222. www.ci.austin.tx.us/macc/index.htm.*

INTERMEZZO: BENITO HUERTA This solo show comprises 30 works, including recent, large-scale paintings, monoprints, watercolors, and drawings. *Through Aug. 31. 600 River St., 788-3106. Free. www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks.*

MITCHIE'S FINE BLACK ART presents an eclectic selection of African and African-American artwork. *6406 N. I-35 #2800, 323-6901. www.mitchie.com.*

NEW EAST GALLERY: REJI THOMAS Thomas' commercial work vividly illustrates her skill for sand-blasting, hot-glass casting, and welding glass pieces that distinguish her from her contemporaries. *Through May 31. 1601 E. Fifth #106, 477-9438. www.diversearts.org.*

OKAY MOUNTAIN: IT'S LIKE A MACHINE AND IT'S MEANT TO BE REPEATED This show centers around the experimental collaboration of an unlikely creative pair; a furniture/environmental designer with sculptural ambitions and a performance artist with social ambitions. Which is to say: Michael Mellon and Jacques Louis Vidal. *Through May 31. 1312 E. Cesar Chavez Ste. B. www.okaymountain.com.*

SLUGFEST GALLERY: WAR BIRDS It's corvids *en rampant* and more, as Slugfest hosts Dale Clifford's evocative woodcuts of bellicose avians. Recommended. *Through May 31. 1906 Miriam, 477-7204. www.slugfestprints.com.*

STENSURD STUDIO Carol Stensrud's figurative and abstract paintings are on display with the wood, stone, and found-object sculptures of Teddy Fernandez. *1601 Eva, 448-9637.*

WALLY WORKMAN GALLERY: JENNIFER BALKAN These gorgeous new paintings are both a celebration of and a challenge to the traditional figure and portrait, lent an insightful layer by Balkan's background in behavioral neuroscience and sociology. *Through May 28. 1202 W. Sixth, 472-7428.*

SPACES

DECOLA & EUSEBI GALLERY Stained and leaded glass and mosaics. *701 Tillery Ste. A-11, 389-2266. www.decola-eusebi.com.*

GUTTERKITTY STUDIOS: THE AUSTIN FIGURATIVE PROJECT *102 Krebs. ohlerkingpaintings@yahoo.com.*

ARTWORKS GALLERY Tropical butterflies displayed in plexiboxes designed by G.W. Clark. *1214 W. Sixth, 472-1550.*

FLIGHTPATH: THE ART OF BUTCH HENNIGAN *Thu., May 15. 5011 Duval St., 773-8040. www.infusedbeauty.com.*

LITTLE CITY: ENTANGLEMENT Art by J. Lowry Doyle. *916 Congress, 476-CITY. Free. www.jlowrydoyle.com.*

ROADHOUSE RELICS Vintage neon, carnival banners, and other tributes to U.S. popular culture, by Todd Sanders. *1720 S. First, 442-6366. www.roadhouserelics.com.*

ABSTRACTS TO ACORNS Photography by Deana Newcomb. *Through Nov. 3. 101 W. Sixth, 477-7884.*

VIN BISTRO: JAN KNOX *Through June 2. 1601 W. 38th.*

WESTS This inaugural exhibition features artwork by Dan-Ramone Vivan Chavez, Raquel Reyes, and others. *408 Josephine.*

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

LOVEJOYS: CALL FOR ARTISTS This popular pub is looking for 2-D artists to hang work on their walls. Send them an e-mail, or call 4-8pm. *477-1268. marshall7734@yahoo.com.*

THE CREATIVE SIDE ACADEMY WORKSHOPS Jewelry workshops in areas from essential stone setting to advanced precious metal clay are being offered by one of Austin's newest creative spaces. Classes: *Through May 29. 628 Allen. 799-0589. www.creativeside.org.*

CALL FOR ARTISTS The 2008 "Salon des Refuses" exhibition at Blackbird Fine Art Studio in East Austin is accepting entries. Entry fee: \$18. Deadline: *May 17. 236-9022. www.blackbirdfineart.com.*

FIGURE-PAINTING WORKSHOP For intermediate painters who want to improve their approach to painting from life: a workshop with Jennifer Balkan. Dates: *May 14-June 25, 7-10pm. Cost: \$270 plus \$45 model fee. www.jenniferbalkan.net.*

SAVA: CALL FOR ENTRIES Artists in the San Antonio/Austin and surrounding areas are encouraged to submit original artwork for a show at the Governor's Palace in downtown S.A. Call or e-mail for details. Deadline: *June 24. 210/807-0645. coffman.suchil@gmail.com.*

ART PAD: SUMMER CAMP SEASON Favorites like clay creations, mosaics, and mural painting will be back with lots of new camps for all ages. Sessions: *June 8-Aug. 22. See www.artpadstudio.com for full summer schedule. 1403 W. 47th, 323-0802.*

ATELIER 3-D: SEEKING PRESENTERS The studio needs working sculptors who are willing to present their art to a small, highly interested group of local sculptors and artists. *Thursdays, 2-4pm. 701 Tillery, 385-1115. www.atelier3-d.com.*

2009 TEXAS BIENNIAL: CALL FOR ENTRIES Open to all artists living and working in Texas and open to all mediums. See www.texasbiennial.com for details. Deadline: *May 31. 5305 Bolm.*

CASA DE LUZ: WORKSHOPS Drawing and Painting: *July 10-12; Printmaking & Sculpture: July 31-Aug. 2.* Registration deadline: *May 30.* Cost: *\$170, all materials provided. 1701 Toomey, 658-5500. www.artonsight.com.*

WPA: SOLARPLATE ETCHING WORKSHOP *Tue., May 20, 6-9:30pm. 2830 E. MLK, 477-9328. \$50 (\$25, Women Printmakers of Austin members). www.womenprintmakers.org.*

DIVERSITY PHOTO-DOCUMENTARY CALL FOR MODELS Ricardo Acevedo seeks models for US, a portrait project documenting Austin's multiracial families, couples, and individuals. Exhibition scheduled for July 2008. *1601 E. Fifth #106, 477-9438. freaksamor07@yahoo.com.*

REAL GALLERY This new gallery is seeking fine 2-D and 3-D works for its June opening. Contact: *Kathi Herrin, 775-0458. 2824 Real St., 775-0458.*

Litera

READINGS, SIGNINGS, AND PERFORMANCES

MARIE HOWE AND SHAO WEI read from their books of poetry, including Howe's *The Kingdom of Ordinary Time* and Wei's *Pulling a Dragon's Teeth*. *Tue., May 20, 7pm. BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar Ste. A-105, 472-2785. www.ebookwoman.com.*

RON PAUL delivers his *The Revolution: A Manifesto*. This will be crowded, indicative only of how impoverished American political discourse has become. *Mon., May 19, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.*

LAURA GRIFFIN strides into her latest novel, *One Wrong Step*. *Sun., May 18, 3pm. Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research #158, 418-8985.*

ELLEN BRAVO is *Taking on the Big Boys*, arguing that feminism is not only good for women, but it is also good for the bottom line. [Ric: *Bottom line?* Dude. – WAB] *Sun., May 18, noon. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.*

JIM KEEN presents his *Great Ranches of the West*, with more than 600 photographs of the most pic-

turesque and interesting ranches in the Western U.S. *Sun., May 18, 3pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.*

DALTON POETRY READING features Austin poetry pioneers Lyman Grant, W. Joe Hoppe, and Ric Williams reading from their Dalton Publishing books. *Sat., May 17, 2pm. Barnes & Noble Bee Cave (in the Hill Country Galleria).*

APTOWICZ SLAMS AGAIN Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz is featured at Spoken Word II: Electric Boogaloo. Hosted by Mike Henry and featuring NYC's Shappy Seasholtz and an all-star cast of Austin's spoken-word nerds. Plus musical guests Show Me Tiger! and Strange Powers. *Sat., May 17, 8pm. 501 Theatre, Fifth and Brushy.*

FANTASY AUTHORS BOOKSIGNING Martha Wells, J. M. McDermott, and Rob Rogers will sign copies of their books on this day. *Sat., May 17, 2-4pm. Sat., May 17. Barnes & Noble South, 5601 Brodie, 892-3493. Free.*

MIKE FARRELL OF M*A*S*H FAME presents his autobiography, *Just Call Me Mike*, which not only includes his acting days but the role he's played as an activist for human rights. Farrell is the president of Death Penalty Focus, and this event is being co-sponsored by the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Highly recommended. *Sat., May 17, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.*

DAVID SEDARIS Vouchers go on sale for his much-anticipated new book, *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*. He'll be in town June 19. *Sat., May 17, 9am. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.*

PAMELA EWEN shines with *The Moon in the Mango Tree*, a novel based upon the true story of Barbara Bond, a woman fighting to be an independent missionary's wife. *Sat., May 17, 3pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.*

BEVERLY JENKINS leisurely presents her latest bestselling romance, *Jewel*. Join her for this fun afternoon filled with door prizes, sparkling beverages, and cheeses from around the world. *Sat., May 17, 2-6pm. Mitchie's Gallery, 6406 N. I-35 #2800, 323-6901. www.mitchie.com.*

JESSICA MILLS is a touring musician (Citizen Fish), artist, activist, writer, teacher, and mother of two. She reads from her alternative parenting book, *My Mother Wears Combat Boots*. *Sat., May 17, 3pm. MonkeyWrench Books, 110 E. North Loop, 407-6925. www.monkeywrenchbooks.org.*

AMANDA EYRE WARD discusses her latest book, *Forgive Me*, a novel about love, memory, and motherhood. *Sat., May 17, 11am. Yarborough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock, 454-7208. Free. www.ci.austin.tx.us/library.*

TISA BRYANT presents her cultural critique, *Unexplained Presence*, which explores black, female, and queer presences in Western novels. *Fri., May 16, 7pm. BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar Ste. A-105, 472-2785. www.ebookwoman.com.*

CRISTIN O'KEEFE APTOWICZ slams down her *Words in Your Face*, the first definitive history of slam poetry. There will be a three-round competition between the 2008 Austin Slam Team and the Old School Poets from the Austin Slam Scene. *Fri., May 16, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar.*

BRYAN MEALER The former *Chronicle* reporter surveys the heart of darkness in his *All Things Must Fight to Live*, an account of civil wars in Kenya and Congo. Recommended. (See "Half a World Away, and at War," p.38, for more.) *Thu., May 15, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.*

WRITING/BOOK GROUPS

LAW OF ATTRACTION GROUP gets magnetic with the principles in *The Law of Attraction* by Esther and Jerry Hicks and other such books. *Saturdays, 9am. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652.*

BLANTON BOOK CLUB delineates Strapless: John Singer Sargent and the Fall of Madame X by Deborah Davis. *Thu., May 15, 7pm. The Blanton Museum of Art, MLK & Congress, 471-7324. www.blantonmuseum.org.*

LUDICROUS SPEED CLUB schizs though Shatterday by Harlan Ellison. *Mon., May 19, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050.*

THE INTIMACIES GROUP Karen Kreps leads this free discussion on love, sex, and relationships. *Wed., May 21, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.*

OPRAH SOULSEARCHERS stretches with *A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle. *Through Dec. 17. Wednesdays, 6-8pm. Carver Library, 1161 Angelina, 974-1010.*

DOWNTOWN CLUB measures Beethoven Was One-Sixteenth Black by Nadine Gordimer. *Mon.,*

May 19, 12-1pm. Faulk Central Branch Library, 810 Guadalupe, 471-2654.

A WORLD LIT: THE FLAME OF LITERATURE counts *The Fifth Child* by Doris Lessing. *Sat., May 17, 7-8pm. Hampton Library, 5125 Convict Hill, 892-6680.*

HOWSON SCIENCE FICTION CLUB congas to Brasyl by Ian McDonald. *Mon., May 19, 7-8:30pm. Howson Library, 2500 Exposition, 472-3584.*

AUSTIN WRITER'S BLOCK is a mutually supportive writing group. Also: writing exercises. *Tuesdays, 4:30-6:30pm. La Madeleine, 3418 N. Lamar, 653-7872. www.austinwritersblock.com.*

MEN OF POWER CLUB Robert Baum leads this monthly group. E-mail for details. *Sun., May 18, 3-5pm. Mitchie's Gallery, 6406 N. I-35 #2800, 323-6901. menofpowerbookclub@yahoo.com.*

PLEASANT HILL MYSTERY CLUB details the Forensic Mystery: *Deja Dead* by Kathy Reichs. *Tue., May 20, 7-8:30pm. Pleasant Hill Branch Library, 211 E. William Cannon, 974-3940.*

SPICEWOOD SPRINGS CLUB turns the *Twist at the End* by Steven Saylor. *Tue., May 20, 1:30-3pm. Spicewood Springs Branch Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.*

UNIVERSITY HILLS SPANISH CLUB blows out *La sombra del viento* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. *Wed., May 21, 7:30-8:30pm. University Hills Library, 4721 Loyola, 929-0551.*

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

MYSTERY WRITING WORKSHOP In celebration of Mystery Month, the Heart of Texas Sisters in Crime hosts a free three-part writing workshop on How to Write a Mystery, taught by author David Ciambrone, author of *Left at Georgetown* and *Poisons Handbook for Writers*. Bring paper and pen, and go home armed to write your own mystery. *Wed.-Fri, May 14-16, 7pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652.*

BARBARA BURNETT SMITH leads an Aspiring Writers event as part of Mystery Writers Month. E-mail for details. *Sun., May 18, 2-5pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652. hotxsinc@yahoo.com.*

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GENUINE JOE Make some noise, or just sit and enjoy the enchanting air of North Austin. All acts welcome, but no cover songs. *Thursdays, 7:30-10pm. Genuine Joe Coffeehouse, 2001 W. Anderson, 220-1576. www.genuinejoe.com.*

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THE POETRY KARAOKE ORCHESTRA backs your poetry on the porch, with hosts Ivanho and Chris the Future. Bring canned foods for the Poets Pantry. *Tuesdays, 8-10pm. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. www.rutamaya.net.*

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MORE POETRY! *dark green wood (is it black) grackles scar a red slash sunset again he paces the jar empty (is it a heart a longing boil) who will lance the first darkness a staccato light stuttering into glass take leaves & sew them with dreams of pulling ghosts there is always the flattened presence of all that cannot be penetrated by distance or if an evening comes wrapped in a sinking music & the shards of a wanting glisten on your skin: tell her Namaste. Vaya con dios.*

ON THE ROAD WITH THE BEATS This exhibition traces the travels of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, and their friends across America and the globe. Manuscripts, books, photographs, and visual art from the Ransom Center's collections tell the story of the Beat Generation and the literary and social revolution they inspired. *Through Aug. 3. Harry Ransom Center, 300 W. 21st, 471-8944. www.hrc.utexas.edu.*

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film listings

Son of Rambow

D: Garth Jennings; with Bill Milner, Will Poulter, Jessica Hynes, Jules Sitruk, Ed Westwick, Neil Dudgeon. (PG-13, 96 min.)

A congregant of a strict (and unspecified) religious sect in the early Eighties, young Will Proudfoot (Milner) is a runty innocent mourning the sudden death of his father. His only solace lies in the outpourings of his imagination – in a scribbled flipbook, or his Bible, transformed by a box of Crayolas. Will has never seen TV, never watched a movie; when his pop-culture cherry gets popped, it's no kiddie pool splashing for him – he goes straight for the deep end, by way of Sylvester Stallone's jungle warrior in *First Blood*. Actually, it's an inadvertent baptism; Will stumbles upon a bootlegged VHS of the film while taking his first ever steps toward making a friend. He couldn't have chosen a worse influence – Lee Carter (Poulter) is a fast-talking, chipmunk-cheeked pickpocket who's more or less raising himself. Borrowing a video camera, the two

boys, both terribly starved for male affection, band together to make a homegrown sequel to *First Blood* called *Son of Rambow*. Will and Lee's makeshift special effects play endearingly daft (unlike the similarly themed *Be Kind Rewind*, the effects here feel authentically – and, in this case, preadolescently – DIY), and it's no surprise when the rest of their school starts to take notice. Pretty soon everyone's clamoring to be a part of the production, including a French exchange student named Didier (Sitruk). He's a red-booted New Waver and a veritable rock star to all the British squares in their school uniforms, and while he could have been a one-note gag – or simply an excuse for the film's terrific musical cues of the Cure and Siouxsie & the Banshees – the filmmakers gently tweak Didier to illustrate that everyone is wounded, everyone is misunderstood, and everyone secretly wants to play a ninja in the movies. Those filmmakers, by the way, are Garth Jennings and Nick Goldsmith, longtime London-based creative partners who have produced some of the past two decades' most inventive music videos. They also collaborated for the 2005 adaptation of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* – essentially a buddy comedy that didn't entirely work but thematically precursed *Son of Rambow*'s central charm. Yes, there's the Eighties nostalgia and post-Wes Anderson



oddball beats and deadpan timing (fun, if a little indie *de rigueur*), but the real pleasure of the piece is in its uncommon, unaffected portrayal of male intimacy. Lee and Will take a knife to their palms to become blood brothers, but they needn't have bothered: They're already bonded for life over their shared love of make-believe and a same broken-heartedness over being abandoned. Although it isn't being sold as such, *Son of Rambow* makes a great family film, so long as parents don't mind the occasional cuss word and they take a moment to explain to Junior that cigarette smoking played a little differently in Lee Carter's Thatcher-era, pastoral, and parentless Britain. It's worth the talk in order to share this marvelous film – funny and sweet and guaranteed to flood you with good feeling. (See “Look, Ma, All Hands,” p.56 for interviews with the filmmakers.)

– Kimberley Jones

★★★★ Alamo Drafthouse South, Arbor

New Reviews

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN

D: Andrew Adamson; with Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Ben Barnes, Peter Dinklage. (PG, 144 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. Ding dong, the White Witch is dead. Nevertheless, the Pevensie kids are summoned back to Narnia for yet another mystical adventure based on C.S. Lewis' series of fantasy books. Most of the same creative team returns for this second outing in which the Pevensies help restore the rightful heir to the Narnian throne. The film was not screened in advance for press. – Marjorie Baumgarten Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

D: Steven Spielberg; with Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett, Karen Allen, Ray Winstone, John Hurt, Jim Broadbent, Shia LaBeouf. (PG-13, 124 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. Whip it: Indy Jones (Ford) is back in action. So's his old flame Marion Ravenwood (Allen) and director Spielberg. Along for the skull hunt is LaBeouf, who poses additional mysteries for the archaeologist/adventurer. The ever-amazing Blanchett plays the Russian

villain in a rivalry that revives old Cold War tensions. George Lucas smiles again on his way to the bank. (*Opens Thursday, May 22.*) – Marjorie Baumgarten

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MY BROTHER IS AN ONLY CHILD

D: Daniele Luchetti; with Elio Germano, Riccardo Scamarcio, Angela Finocchiaro, Massimo Popolizio, Alba Rohrwacher, Luca Zingaretti, Anna Bonaiuto, Diane Fleri, Vittorio Emanuele Propizio. (NR, 108 min., subtitled)

When we first meet Accio Benassi (Propizio), he's a fiery young student at a Catholic preparatory school in small-town Italy. It's October 1962, and across the Atlantic, John F. Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev are engaged in the 20th century's greatest staring contest, over the appearance of Soviet missiles in Cuba. Passionate in his religious beliefs but too intellectually stubborn to be subservient, Accio is a cauldron of internal conflict. One minute he's praying for the lost souls of Soviet communists; the next he's masturbating in his dormitory bed to a photograph of a film star; the next he's confessing that transgression to one of the school's priests, demanding from him greater punishment – even assurances of damnation – for his mortal and sticky sin. Flash forward six years and Accio (now played by Germano)

is still caught in his own peculiar maze of conflicting ideologies and passionate confusion: A fascist, then a communist, then a populist, then an ascetic, then a cuckold, then a moralist, Accio wears his internal struggles like a badge of distinction, or at least proof of identity. He greets each change of loyalty with the religious fervor of the newly converted, which is to say he's a mercurial character that any actor would find difficult getting a handle on, much less one who's only 27 years old. But Germano – who, if this performance is any indication, deserves a long career – navigates all of Accio's philosophical twists and turns masterfully, never shying away from his internal contradictions or inconsistencies, or his lightning-quick temper. Like the Robert De Niro of *Taxi Driver* and *Raging Bull*, Germano

wears his intensity where everyone can see it bubbling, ready to explode at any moment but more terrifying for not yet having done so. He is the subtle and complex soul of Luchetti's film, which, like its protagonist, isn't sure what it wants to be. Is it a family drama about two brothers locked in lifelong struggle? Is it a love triangle set against the political and social turmoil of the 1960s? Is it a parable about the dangers of blind faith in ideology? I suppose, in the end, *My Brother Is an Only Child* is a coming-of-age story about a young man who – like the era he was born into – has no idea how to come of age, except by violent fits and starts, in all directions, to varying ends, and ready to change course whenever the mood strikes. – Josh Rosenblatt

★★★ Arbor

Openings

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG)

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13)

My Brother Is an Only Child (NR)

Son of Rambow (PG-13)

Ratings

★★★★★ As perfect as a movie can be

★★★★ Slightly flawed, but excellent nonetheless

★★★ Has its good points, and its bad points

★★ Mediocre, but with one or two bright spots

★ Poor, without any saving graces

☹ La bomba

First Runs

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BABY MAMA

D: Michael McCullers; with Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear, Dax Shepard, Romany Malco, Sigourney Weaver, Steve Martin, Maura Tierney. (PG-13, 96 min.)

As Kate Holbrook, a successful 37-year-old executive with no social life but a burning desire for a baby, Fey is supposed to be the solid (if insecure) sun around which a whole solar system of eccentrics revolves, including Fey's former SNL cast mate Poehler as Angie, a lower-class brat whom Kate hires to be her surrogate, and Martin as Kate's blissed-out, ponytailed boss at Round Earth Organic Market. Instead, Fey is perpetually tentative, either unwilling or unable to throw herself into the role of a no-longer-young single woman with a pounding biological clock and a natural neuroticism. Just like it is in the world of SNL that Fey, Poehler, and McCullers sprang from, the choice gets made time and again to aim not for the high road but for the great, big, fat, juicy, unchallenging, uncontroversial middle ground, where everybody's laughing but nothing is all that funny. (04/25/2008) — Josh Rosenblatt

★★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

BHOOTHNATH

D: Vivek Sharma; with Amitabh Bachchan, Shahrukh Khan, Juhi Chawla, Satish Shah. (NR, 137 min., subtitled)

Not reviewed at press time. In this new Bollywood film featuring a couple of Indian superstars, a young boy is visited by the ghost of his dead grandfather. (05/09/2008) — Marjorie Baumgarten

THE COUNTERFEITERS

D: Stefan Ruzowitzky; with Karl Markovics, August Diehl, David Striesow, Martin Brambach. (R, 98 min., subtitled)

Morality is the subject of this Austrian film, which won this year's Oscar for Best Foreign Film. Salomon "Sally" Sorowitsch (Markovics) is a Russian Jew in Germany before the Second World War who puts his keen artistic eye and hand to use as a forger; he has no desire to make art when making money is so much more lucrative. These scruples serve him well after he is busted for counterfeiting and sent to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, where he is made the head of a special unit of currency counterfeiters, in a project based on the true story of Operation Bernhard, in which the Germans planned to destabilize international economies by flooding the market with bogus British pound notes and American dollars. The prisoners' dilemma over whether to assist the Germans and thereby ensure their continued survival is the heart of the movie, which keeps the focus on moral imperatives rather than the physical ravages of the camps. (04/11/2008) — Marjorie Baumgarten

★★★★ Arbor

DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO!

D: Steve Martino, Jimmy Hayward; with the voices of Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Carol Burnett, Seth Rogen, Will Arnett, Isla Fisher, Dan Fogler. (G, 88 min.)

For my money, I've never seen anything much wrong with the animated Chuck Jones version of this Seuss tale, made for TV in 1970. But everything needs an update, I suppose, and this new animated feature does the job nicely, staying true to the playfulness of the Seussian rhymes and messages while ably adding in new bits of business to expand Seuss' verse to feature length. Carrey's general tendency toward comic mania is gently toned down, allowing the rubbery elephant Horton to seem more a lovable goofball than a frenzied nut job, and Carell's readings as the Mayor of Who-ville are perfectly on target. Twentieth Century Fox's animation is in the mold of their previous films *Ice Age* and *Robots*: a nice blend of rudimentary and inventive touches. The story's key refrain, "A person's a person no matter how small," speaks directly to children's experience of the world; thus, this new movie should enjoy a long life. (03/14/2008) — Marjorie Baumgarten

★★★ CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, Tinseltown South

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ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE AT THE RITZ 320 E. Sixth, 476-1320.

3rd Coast Activists: *Angry Monk: Reflections on Tibet*: Wed, 7:00pm

Weird Wednesday: *The Animals*: Wed, 12mid

Music Monday: *Austin Live Music Archives: Vol. 1*: Mon, 9:45pm

Big Screen Sci-Fi Classics: *Big Trouble in Little China*: Sun, 3:45pm; Mon, 7:00pm; Tue, 9:30pm; Wed, 9:20pm

Breakfast at Tiffany's: Sat-Sun, 12:45pm

Heavy Metal in Baghdad: Tue, 7:00pm

****Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*:** Wed, 12mid; Thu (5/22), 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:10, 10:55

***Iron Man*:** Fri, 5:15, 8:10, 10:55; Sat-Sun, 2:15, 5:15, 8:10, 10:55; Mon-Tue, 5:15, 8:10, 10:55; Wed, 5:15, 8:10; Thu (5/22), 6:30pm

Just Can't Get Enough: The New Wave Sing-Along: Sat, 10:15pm

Michael Jackson: Thrill the World: Thu (5/22), 9:30pm

Alex Jones Presents: *The 9/11 Chronicles, Part 1: Truth Rising*: Sat, 3:30pm; Sun, 6:45pm

The Nineties Alternative Sing-Along: Fri, 10:15pm

Terror Thursday: *Return of the Swamp Thing*: Thu (5/22), 12mid

Master Pancake: *Road House*: Fri-Sat, 7:00pm

Wholpin No. 5 DVD Release Party: Sun, 10:00pm

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE LAKE CREEK 13729 Research, 219-8135.

***American Drug War: The Last White Hope*:** Wed, 7:30pm

****Baby Mama*:** Fri-Sat, 12:10, 3:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun, 12:10, 3:00, 10:10; Mon-Wed, 12:10, 3:00, 7:30, 10:00; Thu (5/22), 3:25, 10:00

***Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay*:** Fri-Sun, 10:15pm; Mon-Tue, 11:55am, 3:05, 7:15, 10:15pm; Wed, 11:55am, 3:05, 7:15pm

Feast: *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*: Thu (5/22), 7:30pm

***Iron Man*:** Fri-Tue, 12:00, 12:15, 3:15, 3:30, 7:10, 7:25, 10:25, 10:30pm; Wed, 12:00, 12:15, 3:15, 3:30, 7:10, 10:25; Thu (5/22), 12:15, 3:20, 7:10, 10:25

TV @ the Alamo: *Lost*: Thu (5/22), 9:00pm

***The Manchurian Candidate*:** Fri-Sat, 12mid; Sun, 7:30pm

Tromatic Thursday: *Mother's Day*: Thu (5/22), 10:00pm

****Speed Racer*:** Fri-Wed, 12:05, 3:25, 7:20, 10:20; Thu (5/22), 12:05, 3:30

****What Happens in Vegas*:** Fri-Wed, 12:25, 3:20, 7:05, 9:50; Thu (5/22), 12:25, 7:05

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE SOUTH 1120 S. Lamar, 476-1320.

AFS: *Blind Shaft*: Tue, 7:00pm

****The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*:** Fri-Sun, 12:15, 12:20, 3:40, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10; Mon-Thu (5/22), 12:15, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10

***Forgetting Sarah Marshall*:** Fri-Sun, 7:35, 10:20; Mon, 11:05am, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20pm; Tue, 11:05am, 1:55, 4:45, 10:20pm; Wed, 11:05am, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20pm; Thu (5/22), 7:35, 10:20

***Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay*:** Fri-Sun, 11:15am, 1:45, 4:20pm; Mon-Wed, 11:15am, 4:30, 10:05pm

****Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*:** Wed, 11:50, 11:55; Thu (5/22), 11:00am, 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 5:00, 6:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:55, 11:50, 11:55pm

***Indiana Jones Daredevil Drafthouse Adventure*:** Wed, 6:00pm

***Iron Man*:** Fri-Sun, 11:00am, 2:00, 5:00, 7:10, 8:00, 10:10, 10:55pm; Mon-Tue, 11:00am, 1:40, 2:00, 5:00, 7:10, 8:00, 10:55pm; Wed, 11:00am, 1:40, 2:00, 5:00, 7:10, 10:55pm; Thu (5/22), 12:35, 3:40, 7:15, 10:15

Feast: *Prince Caspian*: Wed, 7:00pm

****Son of Rambow*:** Fri-Sun, 11:25am, 1:50, 4:15, 7:05, 9:30, 11:50pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 11:25am, 1:50, 4:15, 7:05, 9:30pm

****Speed Racer*:** Fri-Tue, 12:20, 3:30, 6:45, 9:55; Wed, 12:20, 3:30, 7:45, 10:20, 12:20, 3:30

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE VILLAGE 2700 W. Anderson, 476-1320. Tuesday matinee "Baby Day" shows (first show of the day) are intended for parents and children aged infant to 6 years old.

***Baby Mama*:** Fri, 12:50, 7:00, 9:45; Sat-Tue, 12:50, 3:30, 7:00, 9:45; Wed, 12:50, 3:30, 7:00

TV Party: *Battlestar Galactica*: Fri, 12mid

***Forgetting Sarah Marshall*:** Fri-Sat, 1:15, 4:15, 7:20; Sun-Tue, 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15; Wed, 1:15, 4:15, 7:20

****Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*:** Wed, 12mid; Thu (5/22), 12:30, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15

***Iron Man*:** Fri-Sat, 12:45, 4:00, 7:30, 10:25, 10:30; Sun-Wed, 12:45, 4:00, 7:30, 10:30; Thu (5/22), 12:45, 7:30, 10:30

TV @ the Alamo: *Lost*: Thu (5/22), 10:00pm

Parents Afternoon Out: Sat, 2:30pm

***The Rocky Horror Picture Show*:** Sat, 12mid

****What Happens in Vegas*:** Fri-Tue, 1:00, 3:50, 7:10, 9:55; Wed-Thu (5/22), 1:00, 3:50, 7:10

ARBOR CINEMA @ GREAT HILLS 9828 Great Hills Trail (at Jollyville), 231-9742. Discounts daily before 6pm; all day Wednesdays.

***The Counterfeits*:** Fri-Mon, 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35; Tue, 12:20, 2:40, 5:05; Wed-Thu (5/22), 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35

***My Brother Is an Only Child*:** 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05

***Priceless*:** 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

***Redbelt*:** Fri-Wed, 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:50, 10:00; Thu (5/22), 12:30, 2:50, 5:10

***Son of Rambow*:** 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20

***Then She Found Me*:** 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30

***The Visitor*:** 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55

***Young@Heart*:** 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40

BARTON CREEK SQUARE (AMC) Barton Creek Square mall (MoPac and Highway 360), 306-9190. Matinee discounts available before 6pm on weekdays and before 4pm Friday through Sunday and holidays. Call theatre for showtimes Thursday, May 22.

***Baby Mama*:** Fri-Sat, 10:25am, 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:40, 10:05pm; Sun-Tue, 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:40, 10:05; Wed, 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:40

****The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*:** Fri-Sat, 9:30am, 10:30, 11:30, 12:45, 1:45, 2:40, 4:05, 5:00, 6:05, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:15pm; Sun, 9:30am, 10:30, 11:30, 12:45, 1:45, 2:40, 4:05, 5:00, 6:05, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30pm; Wed, 12:45, 1:45, 2:40, 4:05, 5:00, 6:05, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30; Thu (5/22), 12:45, 1:45, 2:30, 4:05, 5:00, 5:40, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30

***Forgetting Sarah Marshall*:** Fri-Sat, 11:40am, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45pm; Sun-Tue, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45; Wed, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20

***Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay*:** Fri-Sat, 10:20am, 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:05pm; Sun-Wed, 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:05

****Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*:** Wed, 12mid; Thu (5/22), 11:30am, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30, 11:30pm

***Iron Man*:** Fri-Sat, 10:30am, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:15pm; Sun, 10:30am, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30pm; Mon-Wed, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30

***Iron Man* (closed captioned):** Fri-Tue, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; Wed, 3:30pm

***Made of Honor*:** Fri-Sat, 9:40am, 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00pm; Sun, 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; Mon-Wed, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00

***Made of Honor* (closed captioned):** Fri-Sun, 10:40am, 1:10pm; Mon-Wed, 1:10pm

****Redbelt*:** Fri-Wed, 10:20pm

****Speed Racer*:** Fri-Sat, 9:45am, 10:45, 12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:55pm; Sun, 9:45am, 12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:50pm; Mon-Tue, 12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:50; Wed, 12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 8:00, 10:50

****What Happens in Vegas*:** Fri-Sat, 10:35am, 11:45, 1:00, 2:10, 3:25, 4:35, 5:55, 7:10, 8:20, 9:35, 10:45pm; Sun, 10:35am, 1:00, 2:10, 3:25, 4:35, 5:55, 7:10, 8:20, 9:35, 10:45pm; Mon-Tue, 1:00, 2:10, 3:25, 4:35, 5:55, 7:10, 8:20, 9:35, 10:45pm; Wed, 1:00, 2:10, 3:25, 4:35, 5:55, 7:10, 8:20, 9:35, 10:45pm

CINEMARK CEDAR PARK 1335 E. Whitestone, 800/FANDANGO. Call theatre for showtimes Thursday, May 22.

***Baby Mama*:** Fri, 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; Sat-Sun, 9:45am, 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15pm; Mon-Wed, 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15

****The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*:** Fri, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 10:00, 11:00; Sat-Sun, 9:00am, 10:00, 11:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 10:00, 11:00pm; Mon-Wed, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 10:00, 11:00; Thu (5/22), 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:45, 8:45, 10:00, 11:00

***Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!*:** Fri, 1:55, 4:10; Sat-Sun, 11:40am, 1:55, 4:10pm; Mon-Wed, 1:55, 4:10

***The Forbidden Kingdom*:** Fri, 1:30, 4:40, 7:20, 10:25; Sat-Sun, 10:45am, 1:30, 4:40, 7:20, 10:25pm; Mon-Wed, 1:30, 4:40, 7:20, 10:25

***Forgetting Sarah Marshall*:** Fri-Wed, 6:55, 9:35

***Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay*:** Fri-Wed, 10:35pm

****Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*:** Wed, 12mid; Thu (5/22), 11:30am, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:20pm

***Iron Man*:** Fri, 1:00, 2:10, 4:00, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:55; Sat-Sun, 11:15am, 1:00, 2:10, 4:00, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:55pm; Mon-Wed, 1:00, 2:10, 4:00, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:55

***Made of Honor*:** Fri-Wed, 12:05, 2:30, 5:15, 7:55, 10:45

****Speed Racer*:** Fri, 12:00, 12:45, 3:15, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat-Sun, 9:00am, 12:00, 12:45, 3:15, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30pm; Mon-Wed, 12:00, 12:45, 3:15, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30

****What Happens in Vegas*:** Fri, 2:00, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; Sat-Sun, 11:30am, 2:00, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45pm; Mon-Wed, 2:00, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45

CINEMARK HILL COUNTRY GALLERIA 14 12812 Hill Country Blvd., 800/FANDANGO. Call theatre for showtimes Thursday, May 22.

***Baby Mama*:** Fri-Sun, 11:40am, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:25pm; Mon-Wed, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:25

****The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*:** Fri-Sun, 11:00am, 11:45, 12:30, 2:20, 3:10, 4:15, 6:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20pm; Mon-Wed, 12:30, 2:20, 3:10, 4:15, 6:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20; Thu (5/22), 12:30, 2:20, 3:10, 4:15, 6:20, 7:10, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20

***Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!*:** Fri-Sun, 11:10am, 1:30, 3:50pm; Mon-Wed, 1:30, 3:50

***Forgetting Sarah Marshall*:** Fri-Wed, 6:45, 9:25

***Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay*:** Fri-Wed, 10:15pm

****Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*:** Wed, 12mid; Thu (5/22), 11:10am, 12:00, 12:45, 2:10, 2:55, 3:40, 5:10, 6:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:10, 10:00, 10:45pm

***Iron Man*:** Fri-Sun, 11:15am, 12:00, 12:55, 2:30, 3:20, 4:05, 6:15, 7:10, 9:35, 10:45pm; Mon-Tue, 12:55, 2:30, 3:20, 4:05, 6:15, 7:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:05, 10:40; Wed, 12:55, 2:30, 3:20, 4:05, 6:15, 7:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:05

***Made of Honor*:** Fri-Sun, 11:25am, 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10pm; Mon-Wed, 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10

***Nim's Island*:** Fri-Sun, 11:20am, 1:40, 4:30, 7:05pm; Mon-Wed, 1:40, 4:30, 7:05

****Redbelt*:** Fri-Wed, 9:50pm

****Speed Racer*:** Fri-Sun, 11:30am, 12:40, 3:00, 4:00, 6:30, 7:15, 9:45pm; Mon-Wed, 12:40, 3:00, 4:00, 6:30, 7:15, 9:45

****What Happens in Vegas*:** Fri-Sun, 11:05am, 11:55, 1:45, 2:35, 4:20, 5:15, 6:55, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30pm; Mon-Tue, 1:45, 2:35, 4:20, 5:15, 6:55, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30; Wed, 1:45, 2:35, 4:20, 5:15, 6:55, 8:00, 9:40

CINEMARK MOVIES 8 ROUND ROCK 2120 N. Mays (Round Rock), 512/388-2848. Discounts daily before 5pm.

****Drillbit Taylor*:** Fri, 1:50, 2:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:15; Sat-Sun, 11:30am, 12:00, 1:50, 2:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:15pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 1:50, 2:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:15

***Fool's Gold*:** 1:30, 7:05

***Jumpers*:** Fri, 2:00, 4:45, 8:00, 10:10; Sat-Sun, 11:40am, 2:00, 4:45, 8:00, 10:10pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 2:00, 4:45, 8:00, 10:10

****Leatherheads*:** Fri, 4:05, 9:50; Sat-Sun, 10:50am, 4:05, 9:50pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 4:05, 9:50

***National Treasure: Book of Secrets*:** Fri, 2:15, 5:10, 8:05; Sat-Sun, 11:20am, 2:15, 5:10, 8:05pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 2:15, 5:10, 8:05

****Shutter*:** Fri, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sat-Sun, 11:10am, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

***The Spiderwick Chronicles*:** Fri, 1:20, 3:45, 6:45, 9:20; Sat-Sun, 11:00am, 1:20, 3:45, 6:45, 9:20pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 1:20, 3:45, 6:45, 9:20

****10,000 B.C.*:** Fri, 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Sat-Sun, 11:05am, 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05

CINEMARK ROUND ROCK 4401 N. I-35, 800/FANDANGO. Call theatre for showtimes Thursday, May 22.

***Baby Mama*:** Fri-Wed, 11:40am, 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50pm

****The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*:** Fri, 10:00am, 11:30, 12:30, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15, 11:00pm; Sat-Wed, 10:00am, 11:30, 12:30, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15pm; Thu (5/22), 10:00, 10:15pm

***Forgetting Sarah Marshall*:** Fri-Wed, 7:15, 10:00

****Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*:** Wed, 12mid; Thu (5/22), 11:15am, 2:15, 5:15, 6:15, 9:15pm

***Iron Man*:** Fri, 11:00am, 12:00, 12:40, 2:00, 3:15, 4:00, 5:00, 6:20, 7:25, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30pm; Sat-Sun, 9:45am, 11:00, 12:00, 12:40, 2:00, 3:15, 4:00, 5:00, 6:20, 7:25, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30pm; Mon-Wed, 11:00am, 12:00, 12:40, 2:00, 3:15, 4:00, 5:00, 6:20, 7:25, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30pm

***Made of Honor*:** Fri-Wed, 10:45am, 1:30, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05pm

***Nim's Island*:** Fri-Wed, 11:10am, 1:50, 4:35pm

****Redbelt*:** Fri-Wed, 9:00pm

****Speed Racer*:** Fri-Wed, 10:30am, 11:15, 12:15, 2:10, 3:00, 3:30, 5:10, 6:00, 6:40, 8:10, 9:45pm

****What Happens in Vegas*:** Fri-Wed, 10:15am, 11:05, 1:00, 2:30, 4:15, 5:05, 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:25pm

CINEMARK SOUTHPARK MEADOWS 9900 S. I-35, 800/FANDANGO.

***Baby Mama*:** Fri, 12:35, 4:00, 6:35, 9:25; Sat-Sun, 10:00am, 12:35, 4:00, 6:35, 9:25pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 12:35, 4:00, 6:35, 9:25

****The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*:** Fri, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:05, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25; Sat-Sun, 10:00am, 10:45, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:05, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:05, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25

***NCM Fathom: Death Note*:** Tue-Wed, 7:30pm

***The Forbidden Kingdom*:** Fri, 12:50, 3:40, 6:45, 9:30; Sat-Sun, 10:10am, 12:50, 3:40, 6:45, 9:30pm; Mon, 12:50, 3:40, 6:45, 9:30; Tue-Wed, 12:50, 3:40

***Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay*:** Fri-Wed, 7:00, 10:00

****Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*:** Wed, 12mid; Thu (5/22), 12:45, 1:20, 2:05, 3:50, 4:20, 5:00, 6:50, 7:35, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30

***Iron Man*:** Fri, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:35, 4:05, 4:35, 6:40, 7:15, 7:40, 9:40, 10:15, 10:35; Sat-Sun, 9:55am, 10:30, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:35, 4:05, 4:35, 6:40, 7:15, 7:40, 9:40, 10:15, 10:35pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:35, 4:05, 4:35, 6:40, 7:15, 7:40, 9:40, 10:15, 10:35

***Made of Honor*:** Fri, 1:20, 3:55, 7:05, 9:45; Sat-Sun, 10:05am, 1:20, 3:55, 7:05, 9:45pm; Mon-Wed, 1:20, 3:55, 7:05, 9:45

****Speed Racer*:** Fri, 12:40, 1:25, 2:10, 3:40, 4:25, 5:10, 6:45, 7:30, 9:55, 10:30; Sat-Sun, 10:15am, 11:00, 12:40, 1:25, 2:10, 3:40, 4:25, 5:10, 6:45, 7:30, 9:55, 10:30pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 12:40, 1:25, 2:10, 3:40, 4:25, 5:10, 6:45, 7:30, 9:55, 10:30

****What Happens in Vegas*:** Fri, 1:05, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 7:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:25; Sat-Sun, 10:20am, 11:05, 1:05, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 7:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:25pm; Mon-Thu (5/22), 1:05, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 7:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:25

DOBIE THEATRE 2025 Guadalupe (Dobie Mall, second floor), 472-FILM. Call theatre for showtimes Thursday, May 22.

***Forgetting Sarah Marshall*:** Fri, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sat-Sun, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Mon-Wed, 7:10, 9:40

***Redbelt*:** Fri, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sat-Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Mon-Wed, 7:30, 10:00

***Speed Racer*:** Fri, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sat-Sun, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Mon-Wed, 7:00, 9:30

***What Happens in Vegas*:** Fri, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Sat-Sun, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Mon-Wed, 7:20, 9:50

GALAXY HIGHLAND 10 North I-35 & Middle Fiskville, 467-7305. No one under 18 will be allowed in the theatre on Friday and Saturday after 7pm without an adult. Call theatre for showtimes Thursday, May 22.

***The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*:** Fri-Sat, 10:00am, 10:20, 1:40, 1:00, 1:20, 1:40, 4:00, 4:20, 4:40, 7:00, 7:20, 7:40, 10:00, 10:15, 10:30, 11:45pm; Sun-Wed, 10:00am, 10:20, 1:40, 1:00, 1:20, 1:40, 4:00, 4:20, 4:40, 7:00, 7:20, 7:40, 10:00, 10:15, 10:30pm

***Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay*:** Fri-Sat, 7:30, 9:45, 11:55; Sun-Wed, 7:30, 9:45

***Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*:** Thu (5/22), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:

Casablanca

Casablanca (1942) D: Michael Curtiz; with Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Heinreid, Claude Rains, Conrad Veidt, Peter Lorre, Sydney Greenstreet, Dooley Wilson. (NR, 102 min.)
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DRILLBIT TAYLOR

D: Steven Brill; with Owen Wilson, Leslie Mann, Danny McBride, Josh Peck, Troy Gentile, Nate Hartley, David Dorfman, Alex Frost. (PG-13, 102 min.)

This is a dispiritingly mediocre tween comedy from some very talented people who appear to be experiencing a delayed sophomore slump. With Judd Apatow's (*Knocked Up*) name hovering comedy-god-like over the titles and Seth Rogen (*Superbad*) credited as co-writer – not to mention the dependably dopey Owen Wilson as the titular borer du jour – you'd expect the laffs to positively gush forth. Nuh-uh. *Drillbit Taylor* is a strange hybrid of Apatow's über-cool TV series *Freaks and Geeks* and 1980s film *My Bodyguard*. The film is such an obvious rehashing of old ideas and laugh lines that it borders on the insulting. Hartley, Gentile, and Dorfman play a trio of freshman high schoolers who hire Wilson's ostensibly ex-Army maniac to protect them from the local bully (Frost). Apatow and Rogen should note for future reference that stealing from the best doesn't count for squat if you're the best in the first place, although Wilson does get some juicy throwaway lines. (03/21/2008) – Marc Savlov
 ★★ Movies 8

88 MINUTES

D: Jon Avnet; with Al Pacino, Alicia Witt, Amy Brenneman, Leelee Sobieski, Benjamin McKenzie, Deborah Kara Unger, William Forsythe, Neal McDonough. (R, 106 min.)

Pacino's fall from grace to Iconic American Actor Most Likely to Appear in a Mediocre Movie reaches its nadir here, following several other ill-conceived roles in *Two for the Money*, *Gigli*, and *\$1mOne* – all to varying degrees crimes or misdemeanors. Pacino's weathered features and the gravelly timbre of his snake-oil smooth voice remain seductive as ever, but *88 Minutes* imparts little more than a dull patina of prechewed, procedural formulas to the Pacino CV. Here he's Jack Gramm, a Seattle forensics professor whose testimony has sent a buggy mug (McDonough, creepy enough) to the death house. As the prisoner's execution time approaches, Gramm gets a mysterioso cell call which imparts the news that he, too, has only 88 minutes to live. The film quickly devolves into a by-the-book skein of rhetorical questions that call into question both his character's testimony and the actor's ability to pick a decent script. (04/25/2008) – Marc Savlov
 ★ Tinseltown South

FOOL'S GOLD

D: Andy Tennant; with Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson, Donald Sutherland, Alexis Dziena, Ewen Bremner, Ray Winstone, Kevin Hart, Malcolm-Jamal Warner. (PG-13, 113 min.)

Fool's Gold is the surprisingly convoluted tale of two gorgeous, love-tossed, star-crossed treasure hunters who reunite to search for a long-missing 18th century galleon that was carrying an enormous fortune when it sunk during a hurricane off the coast of Havana and was then saved by an enterprising ship captain's son who lied to passing sailors about how he came to be shipwrecked and who preserved his secret through the use of cleverly laid clues that would one day be solved by two gorgeous, love-tossed, star-crossed treasure hunters. Add in a hip-hop loan shark with a mean streak, a calypso soundtrack that's better suited to a cruise-line commercial, and Sutherland employing a British accent that makes him sound like he's speaking with a mouthful of pudding, and you have a movie that manages to be everything – romantic comedy, adventure film, family melodrama, farce, gangster movie, and history lesson – and absolutely nothing all at once. (02/08/2008) – Josh Rosenblatt
 ★ Movies 8

THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM

D: Rob Minkoff; with Jackie Chan, Jet Li, Michael Angarano, Liu Yifei, Collin Chou, Morgan Benoit, Li Bingbing. (PG-13, 113 min.)

Pairing these two martial-arts legends (Chan and Li) in a story that is essentially one long homage to the great Shaw Brothers films of yore allows *The Forbidden Kingdom* plenty of leeway for comic moments (courtesy, as always, of Chan) and some seriously kickass fight scenes (choreographed by *Kill Bill*'s Yuen Woo-ping). There's also plenty of the traditional wire-work and not nearly as much CGI (which almost always feels like a cheat in the fantastical world of traditional Hong Kong knockabouts) as you'd expect. The plot is negligible, but that's fine since it's really only a way to get from one set-piece to another. Li, playing both a grave monk and the outlandishly entertaining Monkey King, and Chan, riffing on his own character of the *Drunken Master* of blotto-fu, play dueling Mr. Miyagi's to Angarano's Kung-fu Kid, and the results are respectable if not classic. (04/18/2008) – Marc Savlov
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Death Note

Death Note (2006) *D: Shusuke Kaneko; with Tatsuya Fujiwara, Ken'ichi Matsuyama, Asaka Seto, Shigeki Hosokawa. (NR, 126 min.)* **NCM Fathom.** This live-action Japanese film is based on a hugely popular manga about a magical book that has the power to kill anyone whose name is written inside, and the battle of wits that ensues between the book's avenging owner and the world's greatest detective. @Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Tue.-Wed., 7:30pm.



FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL

D: Nicholas Stoller; with Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis, Russell Brand, Bill Hader. (R, 112 min.)
Written by and starring *Freaks and Geeks* alum Segel, *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* has *Freaks* creator Judd Apatow as producer, whose particular brand of comedy is both knowing and sweetly perplexed. Despite its instantly forgettable title, *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* is the perfect vehicle for Segel, who thus far hasn't really found a comic niche to call his own. His regular-joe features make him perfect for "buddy" parts, but there's a wildly neurotic and needy gleam lurking behind that facial facade. It's that semihidden male vulnerability – along with his ability to be utterly naked, literally, on camera – that makes his performance in what might otherwise have been a boilerplate romantic comedy feel so fresh and vital. (Not that fresh and vital, but still.) He plays a guy who's dumped by his girlfriend (Bell) and ships off to Hawaii for some heartbreak therapy, not realizing his ex is staying at the same resort with her new beau (Brand). (04/18/2008) – Marc Savlov
★★★ Alamo Drafthouse South, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Dobie, Gateway, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South

★ **HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY**
D: Jon Hurwitz, Hayden Schlossberg; with John Cho, Kal Penn, Rob Corddry, Jack Conley, Roger Bart, Neil Patrick Harris, Danneel Harris, Eric Winter. (R, 102 min.)

Sequels to lowbrow cult-stoner-bathroom-sex comedies aren't supposed to work; *Guantanamo Bay*, however, breaks the mold, following in the outlandish footsteps of *Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle* while expanding on its predecessor's mandate to push the boundaries of racial insensitivity. Once again the lion's share of the credit for this goes to Penn as Kumar, who is pure, unfiltered, unapologetic id. Unfortunately for the more strait-laced Harold (a wonderfully deadpan Cho), his friend's devotion to self-indulgence often leaves them both in a lurch, as it does when Kumar brings a homemade bong on their flight to Amsterdam. A little post-9/11 paranoia and a lot of racial confusion later, and Harold and Kumar are on the run from the military prison and setting off on a road trip across the American South to prove their innocence. The film saves its most stinging comic attacks for the ultrapatriotic, post-9/11, willfully ignorant American male, personified by Corddry's federal law-enforcement agent. (05/02/2008) – Josh Rosenblatt

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★ **IRON MAN**
D: Jon Favreau; with Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges. (PG-13, 126 min.)
Bloodied but unbowed, wounded but walking, Downey Jr.'s sly take on Marvel Comics' cold warrior *Iron Man* elevates everything about this film. The actor's real-life troubles merge with those of Iron Man's alter ego, Tony Stark, the billionaire

playboy and military industrialist with a drinking problem, and the result is, no pun intended, riveting. As a comic-book character, Iron Man never quite scaled the dime-store racks like some other lantern-jawed megamen. Favreau's screen version, however, is a magnificent origin story that holds its own just fine against Bryan Singer's convoluted *X-Men* and Sam Raimi's *Spider-Man*, and there are moments of both stunning action and earnest, subtle emotion. It's Downey Jr.'s show all the way, though. He twins the self-involved Stark with his own personal history to create a semi-autobiographical un-Superman. Kudos, too, to Bridges, who, as baddie munitions magnate Obadiah Stane, almost (but not quite) steals a scene or two out from under his clanking co-star. (05/02/2008) – Marc Savlov
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JUMPER

D: Doug Liman; with Hayden Christensen, Samuel L. Jackson, Diane Lane, Jamie Bell, Rachel Bilson, Michael Rooker, Tom Hulce, Kristen Stewart. (PG-13, 90 min.)
Based on the 2002 young-adult novel by Stephen Gould, *Jumper*, the first film in a planned trilogy, asks the double-loaded questions, "What would a young teen male do if he suddenly discovered the ability to teleport?" and, "What's Hayden Christensen done for us lately, other than the cinematic sleep-aid *Awake*?" The answer to both questions is, of course, "not much," but at least in the first instance you get a snappy teen travelogue through the Valley of the Kings, Tokyo, the sand drifts of the Sahara (or perhaps Tatooine?), and upscale New York loftage, not to mention a whole bunch of Rome's Colosseum. Actually, taken at face value, *Jumper* is pretty slick, entertaining stuff, well-crafted by Liman; edited into a tight, action-packed bundle of nervousness by Saar Klein; and scripted with not a little Marvel Universality by David S. Goyer. (02/15/2008) – Marc Savlov
★★★ Movies 8

LEATHERHEADS

D: George Clooney; with Clooney, Renée Zellweger, John Krasinski, Jonathan Pryce, Stephen Root. (PG-13, 114 min.)
Nearing 50, Clooney is still almost improbably puckish, but this picture – his third directorial effort – isn't quite as fleet. Set in the 1920s, when the nation was still recovering from the Great War, *Leatherheads* charts the awkward birth of professional football. *Leatherheads* comes practically gift-wrapped in goodwill – it's a celebration of an American pastime (if not *the* American pastime) and a loving nod to the screwballs of yore. The film is appropriately scored, well-acted, and possessing of a handful of truly transportive moments. It's awfully agreeable – so why doesn't it entirely work? I think it's a question of comic timing. This kind of backward-glancing, even ga-ga-ing, mate-



Heavy Metal in Baghdad

Heavy Metal in Baghdad (2007) *D: Suroosh Alvi and Eddy Moretti. (R, 84 min.)* Acrassicauda is the only heavy metal band in Iraq. This is their story. @Alamo Ritz, Tue., 7pm.



rial begs for barmy, and barmy begs for no brakes, but *Leatherheads* takes a full half-hour of stops and starts to find its footing. Even then, it skips from fizzy water to flat tap from scene to scene. (04/04/2008) – Kimberley Jones
★★★ Movies 8

MADE OF HONOR

D: Paul Weiland; with Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan, Kevin McKidd, Kadeem Hardison, Chris Messina, Busy Philipps, Sydney Pollack. (PG-13, 101 min.)
I don't know the first thing about first-time writer Adam Szytkiel, but it's easy enough to imagine your average struggling screenwriter holed up in his apartment, bouncing a red rubber ball off the wall, and trying to come up with that killer idea that will get him out of debt and into celebrity sit-downs at the Chateau Marmont. And then ... eureka: *Made of Honor*. "Get it? It's like 'maid of honor' ... only with a dude playing the bridesmaid ... and he's in love with the bride, who's his best friend, so it's like his *best friend's wedding*." This thing totally writes itself! Sadly, the script veers from mean-spirited to uncomfortably blue (case in point: Sydney "Easy Paycheck" Pollack's prenup negotiation for a weekly "BJ"). *Made of Honor* pins its hopes on a character who acts utterly without honor and on an actor (Dempsey) who has only two settings – sensitive or smarmy. (05/02/2008) – Kimberley Jones
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NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS

D: Jon Turteltaub; with Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight, Ed Harris, Helen Mirren, Justin Bartha, Diane Kruger, Harvey Keitel, Bruce Greenwood. (PG, 124 min.)
Less twisty than its 2004 predecessor and yet somehow more incoherent, *National Treasure: Book of Secrets* plays like a duplicate schematic of the first. Treasure hunter Benjamin Franklin Gates (Cage) lights on a noble cause; enlists a plucky cast of fellow hunters, code crackers, and danger enthusiasts (including the unsung Bartha, as Gates' geekboy Friday); then goes on a globe-hopping quest that amounts to a cinematic series of Russian nesting dolls – crack one clue, and you're awarded with another, equally inscrutable one. I don't mean to sound like a sourpuss: There's certainly a place for this kind of entertainment, and the first outing – same director, same screenwriters (husband-and-wife team Cormac and Marianne Wibberley), same cast – was pleasantly rompy and even sweetly patriotic in its history-buff bent. *Book of Secrets*, however, isn't so much a romp as a long trudge through American history factoids and conspiracy-theory gobbledygook. Cool car chase, though. (12/28/2007) – Kimberley Jones
★★ Movies 8



NIM'S ISLAND

D: Jennifer Flackett, Mark Levin; with Abigail Breslin, Jodie Foster, Gerard Butler, Michael Carman. (PG, 95 min.)
Boys adventure stories are a dime (store novel) a dozen, but girls adventure tales are rare things indeed. *Nim's Island*, which is adapted from Wendy Orr's young-adult novel, comes to the rescue with its South Seas setting and message to girls of all ages about the need to become the heroes of their own life stories. The film details the parallel adventures of Nim Rusoe (Breslin), a motherless girl who lives on an otherwise deserted South Pacific atoll with her scientist father (Butler), and Alexandra Rover (Foster), a San Francisco agoraphobe who writes adventure novels about the escapades of her imaginary alter ego, Alex Rover (an Indiana Jones-type fellow who is also incarnated by Butler). It's lovely to watch Foster in this role, taking a comedic breather from all the high-tension thrillers she's been appearing in of late. Breslin tones down the perky effusiveness of her *Little Miss Sunshine* character and proves her versatility. (04/04/2008) – Marjorie Baumgarten
★★★ Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Lakeline, Tinseltown South

★ PRICELESS

D: Pierre Salvadori; with Audrey Tautou, Gad Elmaleh, Marie-Christine Adam, Vernon Dobtcheff, Jacques Spiesser, Anneliese Hesme. (PG-13, 104 min., subtitled)
Priceless is a supremely satisfying confection – a French romantic comedy of the sort that leaves you with a dopey grin on your face. And how could it be otherwise, with *Amélie*'s Tautou at her most lash-battingly doe-eyed, and whippet-thin Moroccan comic Elmaleh as sweet and refreshing as a summer breeze blowing in off the French Riviera? Salvadori (*Après Vous*) knows his way around the French sex comedy, to be sure, but this is something else altogether, at once lighter and denser, a *soufflé de l'amour* whose closest American equivalent – tonally, at least – is *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* by way of Lubitsch. Tautou plays Irene, a gold-digging gamine on the make in Biarritz. The perfectly cast Tautou and Elmaleh are so ingratiating that what by all rights should be little more than a frothy screenful of screwball comedy clichés ends up transcending its own innate limitations and becomes, in the end, a booster shot for the lovesick. (05/02/2008) – Marc Savlov
★★★★ Arbor

PROM NIGHT

D: Nelson McCormick; with Brittany Snow, Scott Porter, Jessica Stroup, Dana Davis, Collins Pennie, Johnathon Schaech, Idris Elba, James Ransone. (PG-13, 88 min.)
This do-over of the 1980 *Prom Night* isn't so much an improvement over the original as lousy in a whole new direction, a nearly bloodless slasher

Shine a Light: The IMAX Experience

Shine a Light: The IMAX Experience (2008)
D: Martin Scorsese. (PG-13, 122 min.) The Rolling Stones gather no moss in this Scorsese-directed concert film. In this venue you can even detect the Rolling Stones' liver spots. Check *Chronicle* Film Listings online for review. @IMAX Theatre, Thu. (5/15), 7:40pm; Fri.-Sat., 5, 7:20pm; Sun.-Thu. (5/22), 7:40pm.



film with fewer surprises than a broken jack-in-the-box. It's blandly scripted by J.S. Cardone, who adds nothing new to a genre that has already expired and been resurrected more times than Jason Voorhees. *Hairspray*'s Snow plays high school senior Donna, whose entire family was gutted three years earlier by maniac teacher Richard Fenton (Schaefer), who has since been locked away, presumably, in the same inescapable madhouse Michael Myers keeps escaping from. Now, with the big night at hand, Donna, dull beau Bobby (Porter), and a quartet of their BFFs are stalked and ceremoniously exsanguinated (offscreen, no less), with nary a shred of suspense or even mild annoyance as the still-statutory crush'n' prof carves a virtually goreless path toward his favorite coed. (04/18/2008) — Marc Savlov

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REDBELT

D: David Mamet; with Chiwetel Ejiofor, Emily Mortimer, Alice Braga, Tim Allen, Max Martini, Rodrigo Santoro, Ricky Jay, Joe Mantegna, Rebecca Pidgeon. (R, 99 min.) While Mamet's new film, *Redbelt*, is a distinctly

Mametian work, in which the playwright and film writer/director's signature motifs of honor, trickery, and manhood are all present, the movie may also represent a newer, more commercial approach to storytelling for the filmmaker. Certainly less profane in its language than many a Mamet outing, *Redbelt* is also more conventional in its narrative sources and ambitions. *Redbelt* is essentially a Hollywood B-movie, a story about a fighter forced into the ring by lousy circumstances and unscrupulous promoters. Although we're familiar with this plot's outline, Mamet and his outstanding leading man, Ejiofor, imbue the film with tonalities and perspectives that freshen the formula and make it also seem an especially personal allegory for Mamet's contradictory impulses regarding the commerce of Hollywood. Unfortunately, Mamet's visual skills are not on par with his writing skills. Both the opening and closing scenes of *Redbelt* contain poorly staged actions that impede viewer comprehension. (05/09/2008) — Marjorie Baumgarten

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The Manchurian Candidate

The Manchurian Candidate (1962) *D: John Frankenheimer; with Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, Angela Lansbury, Janet Leigh, Henry Silva.* (PG-13, 126 min.) Decades before U.S. intelligence got hip to the notion of “sleeper agents” in our midst, *The Manchurian Candidate* successfully tried out the idea in this post-Korean War setting. The result is a chilling story about brainwashing, secret political agendas, power-hungry moms, and psychically ravaged veterans. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Fri.-Sat., 12mid; Sun., 7:30pm; \$8.25.



THE RUINS

D: Carter Smith; with Shawn Ashmore, Jena Malone, Jonathan Tucker, Laura Ramsey. (R, 97 min.)
The Ruins, based on Scott Smith's bestselling horror novel, is a riff on the perils of leaving the main trail and venturing off on one's own, especially if you're young, white, and American. Medical student Jeff (Tucker) gets a highly specialized crash course in field surgery and why cell phones are fundamentally evil little *diabolus ex machinas* when he and girlfriend (Malone) and their best friends (Ransey and Ashmore) end up trapped atop an ancient Mayan pyramid – along with a fellow German tourist – which harbors a dark, sinewy secret. Smith's singularly bizarre novel managed what this film cannot: fear and sympathy. Stripped of the novel's horror by its own overreliance on grisly imagery and a quartet of protagonists who you barely care about, this is not nearly as unique a horror film as it thinks it is or it could have been. (04/11/2008) – Marc Savlov
★ Tinseltown South

SHUTTER

D: Masayuki Ochiai; with Joshua Jackson, Rachael Taylor, Megumi Okina, David Denman. (PG-13, 85 min.)
Shutter is Japanese director Ochiai's Americanized-yet-shot-in-Tokyo do-over of Thai filmmakers Banjong Pisanthanakun and Parkpoom Wongpoom's sublime, melancholy, and ultimately ghastly (and identically titled) 2004 T-horror take on Franco Zeffirelli's *Endless Love* by way of Antonioni's *Blow-Up*. Ochiai's “photo-montage” (a couple sees mysterious images in photographs) suffers from the presence of everyone but the ghostly Okina (also seen stateside in *The Grudge* lite) and some shivery camerawork from the masterful eye of director of cinematography Katsumi Yanagijima – a favorite of both Takeshi “Beat” Kitano and Kinji Fukasaku (*Battle Royale*). But the very Thai-specific charms that made the original *Shutter* such an unforeseen, unpredictable delight are almost entirely absent here, eclipsed by the annoying blond highlights of Taylor, ex-*Transformers* babe and forever, as the Thai say, *farang*. New rule: No more Asian-horror remakes until everyone outside of Asia has seen the originals. I'm not kidding. (03/28/2008) – Marc Savlov
★ Movies 8

SPEED RACER

D: Larry Wachowski, Andy Wachowski; with Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci, Susan Sarandon, John Goodman, Matthew Fox, Paulie Litt, Roger Allam. (PG, 129 min.)
Former Matrices, Andy and Larry Wachowski, populate their shiny, happy, CGI-drenched Hot Wheels world with living, breathing, identifiably organic actors: *Into the Wild*'s Hirsch as Speed, a mountainous Goodman as Pops, Oscar-winner Sarandon as Mrs. Racer, a preposterously perky Ricci as Speed's best gal Trixie, and so on. But in the supersaturated and breathlessly overdesigned unreality of the film, the actors fail to deliver even a quart of real, non-synthetic empathy. The outrageously eye-popping visuals are indeed psychedelic in both flavor and execution (this film owes *everything* to Japanese animé and Timothy Leary alike). The Wachowskis' big, unspoken, vaguely transgressive joke is that their *Speed Racer* experience is akin to nothing so much as diving face first into a rainbow-hued bowl of methamphetamine-laced cinematic Jell-O. It's a giddy rush for a moment or two, but the comedown is long and harsh, and you'll need one helluva nap afterward. (05/09/2008) – Marc Savlov
★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Dobie, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES

D: Mark Waters; with Freddie Highmore, Mary-Louise Parker, Nick Nolte, Joan Plowright, David Strathairn, Seth Rogen, Martin Short, Sarah Bolger. (PG, 96 min.)
The advent of computer-generated imaging is a mixed blessing for films like *The Spiderwick Chronicles*. Sophisticated CGI special effects can bring a fantasy world to life as never before, and yet they can also overwhelm the human element in a film to the point of distraction. Based on the bestselling series of children's books created by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black, *The Spiderwick Chronicles* starts off promisingly by empathetically depicting the fear and anger children feel when their parents separate, but ultimately, its human emotions are dominated by goblins, trolls, and other CGI-generated creatures running amok on the screen. (Nolte's turn as a horrible ogre hell-bent on world domination, however, gives the movie an enjoyable spark.) Young moviegoers will like the way the film empowers their cinematic peers in this battle of good against evil, though smaller children will probably be scared out of their wits by the ferocity of some of the movie's otherworldly baddies. (02/22/2008) – Steve Davis
★★★ Movies 8

STREET KINGS

D: David Ayer; with Keanu Reeves, Forest Whitaker, Hugh Laurie, Chris Evans, Martha Higareda, Terry Crews, Jay Mohr, Cedric the Entertainer, The Game, Naomie Harris. (R, 109 min.)
Dirty cops are the kings of the L.A. streets, and no one knows that better than James Ellroy, the crime novelist who wrote the story on which this film's screenplay is based, and for which he receives credit with Kurt Wimmer and Jamie Moss. It's a tangled, gritty story full of gunfire, blood, and vicious men (both on the side of the law and against it), and, for the most part, it's an absorbing *policier*. Curiously, the often affectless Reeves is well-cast as a vice detective whose placid exterior cloaks a volatile temper that his captain (Whitaker) puts to good use whenever he needs a mad dog to take care of business using methods best kept under cover from the public eye. Director Ayer brings a tactile feel to the urban grit he portrays, even though some of his imagery is rather worn. Despite its limitations, *Street Kings* is a solid contemporary crime drama. (04/18/2008) – Marjorie Baumgarten
★★★ Tinseltown South

SUPERHERO MOVIE

D: Craig Mazin; with Drake Bell, Leslie Nielsen, Sara Paxton, Christopher McDonald, Marion Ross, Kevin Hart, Brent Spiner, Jeffrey Tambor. (PG-13, 85 min.)
Mazin's feature debut, *The Specials*, is a superhero satire that affectionately winks and nods at the whole concept of what superheroes do, if anything, on their days off. That said, his new parody, *Superhero Movie*, blows harder than Storm from X-Men. It's a tonally confused comedy, which, for once, doesn't go far enough comedically. Featuring

Big Trouble in Little China

Big Trouble in Little China (1986) *D: John Carpenter; with Kurt Russell, Kim Cattrall.* (PG-13, 99 min.)
Big Screen Sci-Fi Classics. Carpenter's often overlooked film is a jokey adventure tale that stars Russell as a truck driver who becomes involved in a battle between good and evil in San Francisco's Chinatown. @Alamo Ritz, Sun., 3:45pm; Mon., 7pm; Tue., 9:30pm; Wed., 9:20pm.



an earnest performance from Bell – whose riff on Peter Parker/Spider-Man is very nearly note-perfect – and an appropriately scenery-devouring McDonald (voice of *The Iron Giant*'s G-man, Kent Mansley) as the supervillain Hourglass, *Superhero Movie* plays like a real (albeit really cheap) Marvel Universe knockoff that was shanghaied by the Wayans gang and then minimalized by Reducto from *Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law*. Even cameos from *Airplane!*-er Robert Hays and *Forbidden Planet*-er-cum-comedy-stalwart Nielson can't supersize the yuks on what turns out to be a mere annoyance of a spoof. Bah, puny insect! (04/04/2008) – Marc Savlov
★ Tinseltown South

10,000 B.C.

D: Roland Emmerich; with Steven Strait, Camilla Belle, Cliff Curtis, Mona Hammond. (PG-13, 108 min.)
Emmerich comes to the prehistoric party considerably late in the Hollywood timeline, and he arrives bearing neither the spark of creativity nor anything resembling even the filmsiest glimmer of originality. *10,000 B.C.* is a stunningly ham-fisted paste job of a caveman flick, directed with all the subtlety of *Eegah*, woefully acted (those Geico advertisements are considerably more nuanced), and sporting some awfully shoddy CGI effects (the woolly mammoths are up to par, but that saber-toothed tiger seems like a hastily created digital afterthought). Strait is D'Leh, a (possibly) Paleolithic hunter with abandonment issues who crosses continents (maybe) to rescue his blue-eyed beloved (Belle) after she and others of their tribe are captured by an equestrian raiding party in the employ of (who knows?) some wigged-out Egyptian proto-pharaohs. Emmerich's narrative is maddeningly vague on plot specifics. But most egregious of all is the insurmountable fact that this film is just plain dumb. (03/14/2008) – Marc Savlov
★ Movies 8, Tinseltown South

★ THEN SHE FOUND ME

D: Helen Hunt; with Hunt, Bette Midler, Colin Firth, Matthew Broderick, Ben Shenkman. (R, 100 min.)
Hunt's debut as a film director makes me glad she found us. This story about a 39-year-old woman (played by Hunt) whose biological clock is ticking loudly and whose life is not turning out as planned is a work of maturity – at least in its humanist perspective if not always its cinematic scope. The film delivers a nice blend of drama, comedy, and the unknown, in other words, an accurate reflection of life as we live it. Based on a novel by Elinor Lipman, *Then She Found Me* finds just the right tone for detailing its heroine's problems: It's neither a sob story nor a satire. Hunt's visual palette often looks as drab as the character she plays, but the film's rhythms are well-tailored yet pliant. Some may dismiss *Then She Found Me* as a mere “women's film,” but it's really a more honest and mature take on sex and the city. (05/09/2008) – Marjorie Baumgarten
★★★ Arbor

21

D: Robert Luketic; with Jim Sturgess, Kate Bosworth, Kevin Spacey, Laurence Fishburne, Liza Lapira, Josh Gad, Aaron Yoo, Sam Golzari, Jacob Pitts, Jack McGee. (PG-13, 123 min.)
One might think that characters who have the mental quickness to count cards and take the Vegas blackjack tables for tens of thousands of dollars would also have the acumen to notice that some aspects of their caper just don't add up. The filmmakers take a pass on character development in favor of fluttery Vegas montages of cards, lights, money, and pretty, young faces in thrall to the gods of self-made fortunes and striking it rich. Adapted from Ben Mezrich's true account of similar events, *Bringing Down the House: The Inside Story of Six M.I.T. Students Who Took Vegas for Millions*, the film shows little interest in the honest reasons why a Harvard Medical School admittee, who professes that he's only in it for the \$300,000 needed to finance his education, just doesn't apply for a student loan like everybody else. 21 shares with the Las Vegas mythos the same stale temptations: empty glitz and little substance. (03/28/2008) – Marjorie Baumgarten
★★ Tinseltown South

UNDER THE SAME MOON

D: Patricia Riggan; with Kate del Castillo, Eugenio Derbez, Mário Almada, Adrian Alonso, Isaac Bravo, Ernesto D'Alessio, Julie Dove, America Ferrera. (PG-13, 109 min., subtitled)
With the right set of eyes, anywhere can be heaven. Take the poor neighborhoods of East Los Angeles, for example: In the mind's eye of 9-year-old Mexican Carlitos (Alonso), that concrete jungle of endless strip malls and fast-food restaurants is a wonderland. Four years ago, his mother, Rosario (del Castillo), left him in their small Mexican village to seek work as a domestic across the border and hasn't been back since. Carlitos dreams of that Los Angeles barrio the way the Spanish conquistadors dreamed of El Dorado, so he resolves to make the perilous journey across the border and into America to reunite with his mother. As a work of dramatic fiction, *Under the Same Moon* isn't anything to ring bells over. Its parallel stories of two lost souls seeking each other across geographical divides is never more than one small step away from mawkishness and cliché, and oftentimes less. But as a sociological study, it's fascinating. (03/21/2008) – Josh Rosenblatt
★★★ Tinseltown South

THE VISITOR

D: Tom McCarthy; with Richard Jenkins, Haaz Sleiman, Danai Jerokai Gurira, Hiam Abbass, Marian Seldes. (PG-13, 108 min.)
McCarthy (*The Station Agent*) is back with another humanist drama set among a mix of characters who might not ordinarily interact. Curiously, *The Visitor* is both predictable and unpredictable. Jenkins, a busy character actor, is uncharacteristically cast in the lead as Walter Vale, a gift that he capitalizes on fully. His performance (and the film) are studies in understatement, communicating often through the absence of words or actions. We may think we know where this is going: A hard-hearted economics prof reclaims his soul through his interaction with illegal immigrants (Sleiman, Gurira, and Abbass) who are full of life and artful enterprise. Well, yes and no. Change occurs, but not necessarily in the ways you might expect. McCarthy's approach is much truer to life, in which people enter and depart another's personal orbit without causing earth-shattering alterations in behavior or relationships. By definition, that means that not much occurs in *The Visitor*, yet it is never uninteresting to watch. (04/25/2008) – Marjorie Baumgarten
★★★ Arbor



Blind Shaft

Blind Shaft (2003) *D: Li Yang; with Li Qiang, Wang Baoqiang, Wang Shuangbao, Ai Jing, Bao Zhenjiang.* (NR, 92 min.) **Austin Film Society: Ascending Dragon – Films of Greater China.** Two itinerant workers in an illegal Chinese coal mine blackmail the owners for money after staging the death of a co-worker to look like an accident. @Alamo Drafthouse South, Tue., 7pm; \$4, AFS members free.

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WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS

D: Tom Vaughan; with Cameron Diaz, Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry, Lake Bell, Jason Sudeikis, Zach Galifianakis, Treat Williams, Dennis Farina, Deirdre O'Connell. (PG-13, 99 min.)

For all its bright lights and ersatz glitz, Las Vegas can be a dispiriting place, and there's something of that same desperation and forced cheer in this jaded comedy of unmarried starring two Hollywood actors known for their prankishness and pluck. Overplucked here, turns out: Diaz and Kutcher practically pant with franticness trying to convince us that *these! yuks! are! fun!* They play two halves of a one-night stand that turns into a quickie marriage; plans for an annulment derail when husband and wife win a \$3 million jackpot and a sadistic judge (Dennis Miller) sentences them to six months of "hard marriage" before they can divorce and/or touch the money. A strident Diaz plays against type, shackling the good-time gal to play a tightly wound Wall Street she-warrior recovering from a bad breakup. Kutcher plays to his strengths – unemployed frat-boy humor. Both the actors and the characters they play are a terrible mismatch. (05/09/2008) – Kimberley Jones

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★ YOUNG@HEART

D: Stephen Walker. (PG, 107 min.)

A documentary about a choral group of lovable octogenarians whose repertoire includes songs by Sonic Youth and the Talking Heads? It sounds gimmicky, scary even. But despite an occasional lapse into nudge-nudge jokes about old age, *Young@Heart* eschews the clichés for something that we can all relate to: our own mortality. Shot in a straightforward style that feels deceptively simple, this documentary spends two months with these senior citizens as they prepare for a concert. During the course of these eight weeks, the drama of everyday life runs the gamut from the comical to the heartbreaking. Songs like Bowie's "Golden Years" and the Bee Gees' "Stayin' Alive" take on an altogether different (often tongue-in-cheek) meaning when sung by someone with gray hair and wrinkles. The film suggests that the secret to growing old is to feel young, and – based on what you see in this film – there may be some truth to that platitude. (04/18/2008) – Steve Davis

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THURSDAY 15

Deranged (1974) *D: Alan Ormsby and Jeff Gillen; with Roberts Blossom, Cosette Lee. (R, 82 min.)* **Terror Thursday.** Inspired by the life of Ed Gein, the film is also known as *Confessions of a Necrophile*. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid; free.

First Blood (1982) *D: Ted Kotcheff; with Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna, Brian Dennehy. (R, 94 min.)* **NCM Fathom.** The original *Rambo* will be presented at this one screening in approximately 450 theatres nationwide. Following the film, see the alternate ending (in which Rambo dies) and a never-before-seen interview with Stallone on the *Rambo* series. @Southpark Meadows, 7:30pm; @Tinseltown North, 7:30pm; @Metropolitan, 7:30pm; @Gateway, 7:30pm; \$10.

Lost TV @ the Alamo. Weekly episode. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 9pm; @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 10pm; free.

The Nineties Alternative Sing-Along @Alamo Ritz, 9:30pm.

Spaceballs: The Quote-Along (1987) *D: Mel Brooks; with Brooks, John Candy, Rick Moranis, Bill Pullman. (PG, 96 min.)* @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

Video Vixens (1975) *D: Henri Pachard; with Keith Lockett, James Walters. (R, 83 min.)* **Tromatic Thursday.** Sexploitation comedy about the finest achievements in pornographic films. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 10pm; free.

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Juno (2007) *D: Jason Reitman; with Ellen Page, Michael Cera. (PG-13, 92 min.)* Free. (*) @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

FRIDAY 16

Battlestar Galactica TV at the Alamo. Two episodes of the final season will screen back-to-back. Reserve tickets at www.originalalamo.com. @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 12mid.

The Manchurian Candidate (1962) See p.92.

The Nineties Alternative Sing-Along @Alamo Ritz, 10:15pm. (See Thu., 5/15.)

Road House (1989) *D: Rowdy Herrington; with Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch, Sam Elliott, Ben Gazzara. (R, 114 min.)* **Master Pancake: Benefit for Pancreatic Cancer Research.** The Pancake cutups hurl their commentary at one of the easiest-to-ridicule films ever, in which Swayze plays an itinerant Zen bouncer. All proceeds will benefit pancreatic cancer research. For more on the event, see “Master Pancake Flattens ‘Road House,’” p.55. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm; \$12.50.

SATURDAY 17

Breakfast at Tiffany’s (1961) *D: Blake Edwards; with Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard. (NR, 115 min.)* Hepburn brings Truman Capote’s Holly Golightly to vivid life. It’s a romanticized portrait of an amoral free spirit, but one that remains forever emblazoned on our collective memory. It’s the kind of movie a song like “Moon River” was made for. @Alamo Ritz, 12:45pm.

Just Can’t Get Enough: The New Wave Sing-Along @Alamo Ritz, 10:15pm.

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The Manchurian Candidate (1962) See p.92.

The 9/11 Chronicles, Part 1: Truth Rising (2008) *D: Alex Jones. (NR)* **Alex Jones Presents.** In addition to showing the mistreatment of 9/11 heroes, Jones’ newest anti-conspiracy video features interviews with national figures who doubt the official version of what happened on that day. Included are comments from Willie Nelson, Rosie O’Donnell, Jesse Ventura, George Carlin, Martin Sheen, and confrontations with Bill Clinton, David Rockefeller, and Arnold Schwarzenegger. See www.infowars.com for more info. @Alamo Ritz, 3:30pm.

Parents Afternoon Out The Village Alamo Drafthouse teams up with their shopping-center neighbors Body Business every third Saturday of the month to provide child care for kids under the age of 7, while parents catch lunch and a movie at the theatre. See www.originalalamo.com/Show.aspx?id=4890 for all the details and ticket purchases. @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 2:30pm.

Road House (1989) @Alamo Ritz, 7pm; \$12.50. (See Fri., 5/16.)

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) *D: Jim Sharman; with Richard O’Brien, Barry Bostwick, Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry. (R, 95 min.)* Austin fans have been dressing up and doing the “Time Warp” thing live for more than 30 years straight. @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 12mid.

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Best in Show (2000) *D: Christopher Guest; with Guest, Eugene Levy, Fred Willard, Catherine O’Hara. (PG-13, 90 min.)* **Rolling Roadshow.** Christopher Guest’s sniggering Westminster Dog Show parody. Come early for doggie preshow entertainment. (*) @Republic Square Park, 7pm; free.

SUNDAY 18

Big Trouble in Little China (1986) See p.92.

Breakfast at Tiffany’s (1961) @Alamo Ritz, 12:45pm. (See Sat., 5/17.)

Kantri (2008) *D: Meher Ramesh; with N.T.R. Rao Junior, Hansika Motwani, Tanisha. (NR, 160 min.)* Telegu-language movie. @Tinseltown South, 2:45pm.

The Manchurian Candidate (1962) See p.92.

The 9/11 Chronicles, Part 1: Truth Rising (2008) @Alamo Ritz, 6:45pm. (See Sat., 5/17.)

Offscreen

48-Hour Film Project Reel Women is the sponsor (for the seventh time) of this project in which teams write, shoot, and edit a short film, complete with music and credits, in one weekend. A member from each team will meet on Friday, June 20, and draw for the genre of the film they’ll have to make. See website for details. Early registration deadline: May 26. www.48hourfilm.com/austin.

AFS: Call for Entries for 2008 Texas Filmmakers’ Production Fund The Austin Film Society is accepting applications for the 2008 Texas Filmmakers’ Production Fund. They’ll provide at least \$100,000 to emerging film and video artists in Texas, in cash grants up to \$25,000, as well as Kodak film stock and in-kind services from Seattle-based Alpha Cine Labs. Filmmakers who have resided in Texas for at least one year are eligible, and the current application is available on the AFS website. Submission deadline: June 2. www.austinfilm.org.

Austin Film Festival: Call for Entries The AFF seeks entries for the 2008 Screenplay and Teleplay competitions. Deadline: June 1. Also: Film entries needed. See website for details. Early deadline: June 5. Late deadline: July 5. www.austinfilmfestival.com.

Wholphin No. 5 DVD Release Party (2008) Unique and ponderable films from McSweeney’s DVD magazine; see www.originalalamo.com for more info. @Alamo Ritz, 10pm.

MONDAY 19

Austin Live Music Archives: Vol. 1 (2008) *D: Kevin Roberts.* **Music Monday.** Roberts’ self-filmed archives showcase Austin performances from the Eighties to early Nineties and feature Sonic Youth, Mudhoney, Jesus Lizard, Crust, Ed Hall, and more playing at long-gone places such as Liberty Lunch, the Cannibal Club, and the Ritz. @Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm.

Big Trouble in Little China (1986) See p.92.

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Roxanne (1987) *D: Fred Schepisi; with Steve Martin, Daryl Hannah. (PG, 107 min.)* **Monday Movies and Margaritas.** Drink specials 5-9pm; movie at dusk. @Belmont, 8pm.

TUESDAY 20

Big Trouble in Little China (1986) See p.92.

Blind Shaft (2003) See p.92.

Death Note (2006) See p.90.

Heavy Metal in Baghdad (2007) See p.90.

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The Big Lebowski (1998) *D: Joel Coen; with Jeff Bridges. (R, 117 min.)* Free. (*) @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

WEDNESDAY 21

American Drug War: The Last White Hope (2007) *D: Kevin Booth. (NR, 120 min.)* Local filmmaker Booth’s film shows how money, power, and greed have corrupted drug users as well as the government. Expert testimonials from the ground troops in the costliest war in American history are presented. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 7:30pm.

Angry Monk: Reflections on Tibet (2005) *D: Luc Schaedler. (NR, 97 min.)* **Third Coast Activists.** The film is a personal and political portrait of Gendun Choephel, Tibet’s legendary and unorthodox monk who turned his back on the monastic life and became a vocal critic of his country’s religious conservatism. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm; \$8.25, \$6 students/seniors.

The Animals (1970) *D: Ron Joy; with Michele Carey, Henry Silva, Keenan Wynn, John Anderson. (R, 86 min.)* **Weird Wednesday.** In this Western, a woman tracks down the men who raped her. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid; free.

Summer Camps and Classes From Austin School of Film Intensive teen camps (out in Marfa!) this summer, as well as the usual excellent slate of adult classes (taught by Kat Candler, Spencer Parsons, and others), are starting soon at the Austin School of Film. See their website for details. www.austinfilmsschool.org/classes.

SXSWclick Festival: Call for Entries SXSWclick is a summertime, digital shorts event/competition, in which winners in each of the five categories will automatically be invited to screen at the next South by Southwest Film Festival. Projects cannot exceed 10 minutes in length. For more information and submission, see the website. Deadline: June 13. www.sxswclick.com/enter.

Texas Film Commission: P.A. Workshop Austin Studios hosts a two-day intensive workshop from the Texas Film Commission that teaches the ins and outs of successful production assistance for those who want to pursue working on films in Texas. See website for details and registration. Sat.-Sun., May 31-June 1, 8:30am-4pm. \$75 (\$55, AFS members). www.austinfilm.org.

The Screenplay Workshop: Now Registering All classes are taught by professional screenwriters and meet in Central Austin. Also: Private Instruction & Story Consultation Packages. See website for details: www.thescreenplayworkshop.org.

Big Trouble in Little China (1986) @Alamo Ritz, 9:20pm. (See Sun., 5/18.)

Death Note (2006) See p.90.

Indiana Jones Daredevil Drafthouse Adventure (2008) *D: Steven Spielberg; with Harrison Ford. (PG-13, 123 min.)* Fedoras and zipline rides to digging site containing archaeological “artifacts” are involved. (Height and weight restrictions enforced.) Ticket includes admission to a screening of the new movie after the adventure. @Alamo Drafthouse South, 6pm; \$70.

Prince Caspian Feast (2008) *D: Andrew Adamson. (PG, 144 min.)* No talking animals will be harmed during the preparation of this feast. See www.originalalamo.com for menu. @Alamo Drafthouse South, 7pm; \$60.

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The Matrix (1999) *D: Andy Wachowski and Larry Wachowski; with Keanu Reeves. (R, 139 min.)* Free. (*) @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

THURSDAY 22

Casablanca (1942) See p.89.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull Feast (2008) *D: Steven Spielberg; with Harrison Ford. (PG-13, 123 min.)* Expect snake and other adventuresome courses. See www.drafthouse.com for menu. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 7:30pm; \$50.

Key Largo (1948) *D: John Huston; with Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson, Lauren Bacall, Lionel Barrymore, Claire Trevor. (NR, 100 min.)* **Summer Film Classics.** A terrific cast does great things with this adaptation of a Maxwell Anderson play in which Robinson plays a gangster who holds several people hostage in a Florida hotel during a storm. Warner Bros. cartoons screen before each feature. (Double bill: *Casablanca*) @Paramount, 7pm.

Lost @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 10pm; @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 9pm; free. (See Thu., 5/15.)

Michael Jackson: Thrill the World Sing-along and dance training for the 25th anniversary of *Thriller*. @Alamo Ritz, 9:30pm.

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Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean (2008) *D: Jean-Jacques Mantello; narrated by Daryl Hannah. (NR, 42 min.)* Presented by Jean-Michel Cousteau, this documentary goes from the coral reefs of the Bahamas to the waters off the Kingdom of Tonga to visit with the world’s dolphins, orcas, belugas, and manatees.

Extreme (1999) *D: Jon Long. (NR, 40 min.)* Here we see clips of champion athletes doing such things as climbing the highest mountains and surfing the biggest waves. (*)

Grand Canyon Adventure 3D: River at Risk (2008) *D: Greg MacGillivray; narrated by Robert Redford. (NR, 40 min.)* The river at risk is the Colorado. Water-conservation advocate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. joins ethnobotanist and author Wade Davis and their 18-year-old daughters for a rafting trip down the river to the parched Colorado delta.

Sea Monsters 3D: A Prehistoric Adventure (2007) *D: Sean MacLeod Phillips; narrated by Liev Schreiber. (NR, 40 min.)* National Geographic uses photo-realistic, computer-generated, 3-D animation to transport audiences back to the late Cretaceous period, when a great inland sea divided North America in two. (*)

Shine a Light: The IMAX Experience (2008) See p.90.

Texas: The Big Picture (2003) *D: Scott Swofford; narrated by Colby Donaldson. (NR, 39 min.)* Panoramic shots of Texas grace the screen as Texas is shown to be a land capable of growing everything from grapefruit to microchips.

U2 3D (2008) *D: Mark Pellington and Catherine Owens. (G, 85 min.)* On the IMAX screen, these Irish rockers really rattle and hum. (*)

Mother's Day (1980) D: Charles Kaufman; with Nancy Hendrickson, Deborah Luce. (NR, 90 min.) **Tromatic Thursday.** One of Troma's earliest ventures, this nasty horror film is the story of two cretinous backwoods mama's boys who would do anything to gratify the love of their lives. What makes mom happy, sadly, is the torture of young women lost in the woods. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 10pm; free.

Return of the Swamp Thing (1989) D: Jim Wynorski; with Louis Jourdan, Heather Locklear. (PG-13, 88 min.) **Terror Thursday.** In his penultimate film, Jourdan is the evil Dr. Arcane, who keeps a scientific menagerie of mutated creatures, but the only creature the returning Swamp Thing has eyes for is Locklear. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid; free.

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Lars and the Real Girl (2007) D: Craig Gillespie; with Ryan Gosling, Emily Mortimer. (PG-13, 106 min.) Free. (*) @Rounders Pizzeria, 8pm.

Living Yoga: The Life and Teachings of Swami Satchidananda (2008) D: Shiva Kumar. (NR, 60 min.) **Save Our Springs Alliance Benefit.** The birth of the modern yoga movement in the

West and its impact on the world is chronicled in this documentary, which also features archival footage and interviews with those deeply touched by the teachings of Swami Satchidananda. Proceeds will benefit Save Our Springs Alliance. @One World Theatre, 6:30, 8pm; \$5 suggested donation.

FESTIVALS

Austin Woman's Film, Music & Literary Festival (2008) Formerly known as Blowin' Up a Spot, the newly named 2008 festival continues through Sunday, May 25. Highlighted will be the art of 23 female musicians, 25 independent national and international women filmmakers and three industry workshop presenters. The theme this year is Spirited. Venues include Ruta Maya, Hot Mama Espresso, Cafe Mundi, and the Victory Grill. Part media literacy conference, part film/television and literary marketplace, the purpose of this event is to increase the awareness of women's films and literature by showcasing women of various ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. See www.brownpapertickets.com/event/35198 for tickets. Thu. (5/22) @ Ruta Maya

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EMO'S, THURSDAY 15-
SATURDAY 17



Roky Erickson

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Roky Erickson & the Explosives detonate the fourth Chaos in Tejas punk and hardcore festival tonight. Roky's in fine form again, and to see his fans commingling with the leather-clad heshers is an only-in-Austin experience. Columbus, Ohio's glass-shattering **Pink Reason** and local blues brothers the **Strange Boys** and **Amplified Heat** open. Inside, the international chaos kicks in with sets from England's **Hard Skin**, Sweden's **Fy Fan**, and Canada's **Under Pressure**, along with noise from New York's **No Fucker** and locals **World Burns to Death** and **Iron Age**. Friday, Minneapolis punk vets **Dillinger Four** and England's **Leatherface** promise incendiary sets, coupled with Denton's pop-punk sons the **Marked Men** (see "Off the Record," p.61), Australia's **Straightjacket Nation**, and the thrash think-tank of **Iron Lung**, **Hatred Surge**, **Brain Handle**, and **Sacred Shock**. Saturday, Latino political hardcore legends **Los Crudos** re-emerge from Chicago for a reunion that benefits San Antonio's San Anto Cultural Arts. Japan's **Crude** makes its first appearance on U.S. soil, along with Portland, Ore., sonic brethren **Tragedy**, **Inmates**, **Invasion**, **Repercussions**, and **Deskonocidos** bring up the rear. Check www.emosaustin.com for more info. — Audra Schroeder

The Subdudes ANTONE'S, SATURDAY 17

Those who attended the Subdudes last show at Antone's are still comparing notes on who had the most fun. The New Orleans-based quintet's latest, *Street Symphony* (Back Porch), is a little restrained compared to past work, but live, their unpretentious mixture of sweaty funk and blue-eyed soul remains a matchless mélange of hip-shake and heartbreak. — Jim Caligiuri

Japanther/Nashville Pussy RED 7, SATURDAY 17

Whether you like your noise chaotic with Romulan hair or high-octane with leather, Red 7's got you covered. Brooklyn art-rock duo Japanther stays indoors for a sloppy stand with Seattle psych-pop threesome the Pharmacy. Assacre's electro-fied alter ego, MVSCCLZ, opens. But that's not how they do it in the South. The ATL's Pussy tosses 'em back outside; local road hog Scott H. Biram and 1970s revivalists Scorpion Child open. — Darcie Stevens

Tina Marsh Benefit LAGUNA GLORIA, SUNDAY 18

During spring, Tina Marsh's Creative Opportunity Orchestra usually finishes its season with an annual performance at Laguna Gloria. This year, however, the creative community is gathering to celebrate Marsh's contribution to the arts and help defray mounting medical bills. The star-studded affair includes Beto y los Fairlanes, Kellye Gray, Graham Reynolds, Oliver Rajamani, Jason Marsalis, Acia Grey's Tapestry Dance Company, Suzi Stern, and many more. Thank you, Tina. — Jay Trachtenberg

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club

ANTONE'S, MONDAY 19

Third LP *Howl*, 2005's throwback to a Sun Studios-soaked "Ring of Fire," revalued BRMC into a multipurpose hot rod. Brit-wave basslines and big bomp moan made room for the L.A. trio's worn leather grit, and last year's *Baby 81* matched the group's ride through La Zona Rosa last June. *Howl II* would suffice, but rebels of any stripe rarely conform. UK fivepiece the Duke Spirit rises first with spacey soul from 2007's *Neptune*. — Raoul Hernandez



CHIEF FEST

Beerland, Friday 16/
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Slaraffenland, Efterklang

MOHAWK, TUESDAY 20

And the award for most tongue-tied bill goes to ... These Danes pull double duty with the Danish Dynamite Tour, Copenhagen quintet Slaraffenland evoking melodic, brassy milk and honey from last year's excellent *Private Cinema* (Hometapes) and ninepiece Efterklang orchestrating big sounds from latest *Parades* (Leaf Label). Add locals Balmorhea, and say it three times fast. — Audra Schroeder

Bun B EMO'S, WEDNESDAY 21

Those of you left twisting in March when the King of the Trill performed a memorial show here for late partner Pimp C, put away your hankies, and chunk up tha deuce for your man. The living half of Houston duo UGK is ballin' in advance of his sophomore Rap-a-Lot solo release, *II Trill*, due out this month. With the single "That's Gangsta," featuring Sean Kingston, currently in heavy radio rotation, Houston has a problem, indeed. — Anne Harris



GARY MILLER

Remembering Clifford

ANTONE'S, THURSDAY 22

Word is this gathering of the clans is being kept loose on purpose and very much in keeping with the star-studded crew that played — shell-shocked — the night after club owner Clifford Antone's untimely death from a heart attack May 22, 2006. That night crackled with the sort of musical fire forged in the depths of Antone's soul for decades, so don't expect anything less tonight. 7pm, \$5. — Margaret Moser

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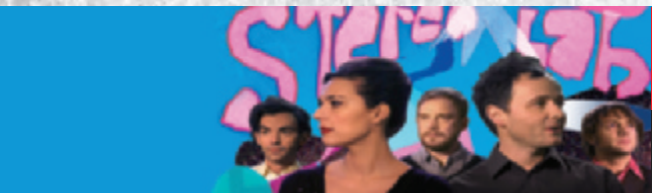
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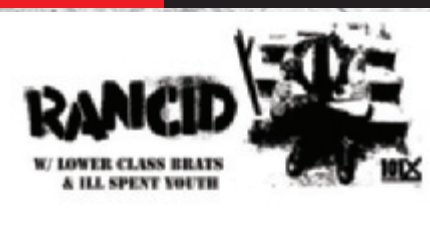
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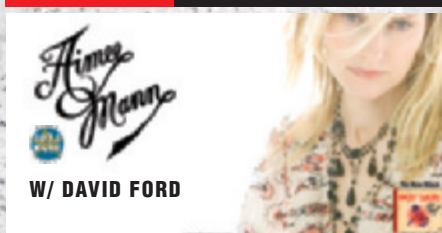
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FRI 16

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SAT 17

The Subdudes, Antone's
Social Circle, Beerland
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The Crash That Took Me, Glynn Wedgewood, Los Crudos, Crude, Tragedy, Inmates, Invasion, Repercussions, Emo's
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Joker, Rock City Icehouse
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SUN 18

Angela Strehli, Antone's
Paper Cities, Mr. Gnome, Beauty Bar
James Davis Quintet, Elephant Room
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MON 19

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, Duke Spirit, Antone's
Test Patterns, Emo's
Novice, Gregory Miles Harris, Headhunters
500 Miles to Memphis, Momo's
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TUE 20

Fluoxetine, Carousel Lounge
Forever the Sickest Kids, Metro Station, the Maine, Danger Radio, The Cab, Emo's
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WED 21

Matt Wilson, the Belmont
Laura Palmer, Chain Drive
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Slumlord, Red Queen Effect, Headhunters
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THU 22

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SAT 17

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MON 19

Sam Coleman Benefit w/ James Hand, Sick's Pack, Bo Porter, Brooks Alan Brannon, Jeremy Steding, Andrea Marie & Magnolia, Ru Coleman & Texas Boogie, Poodie's Hilltop Bar & Grill

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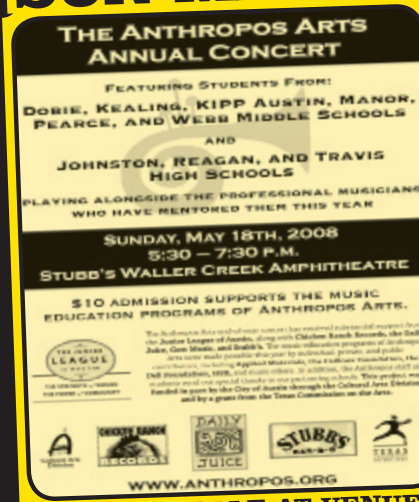
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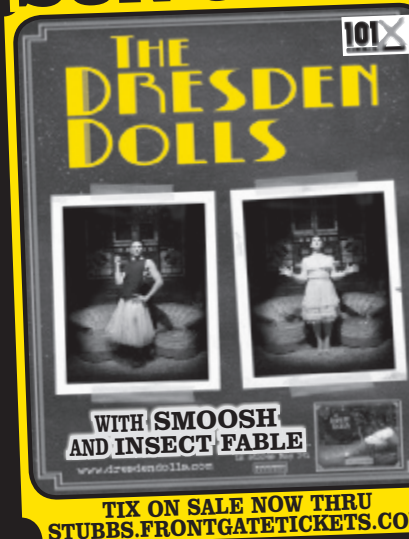
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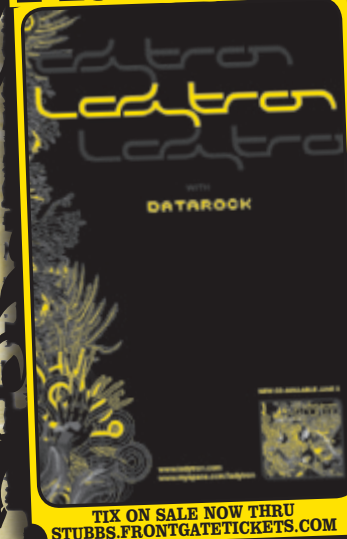
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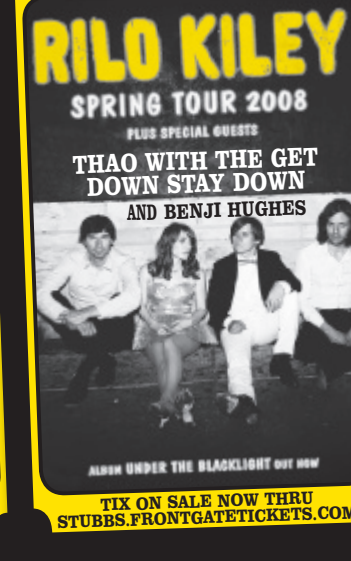
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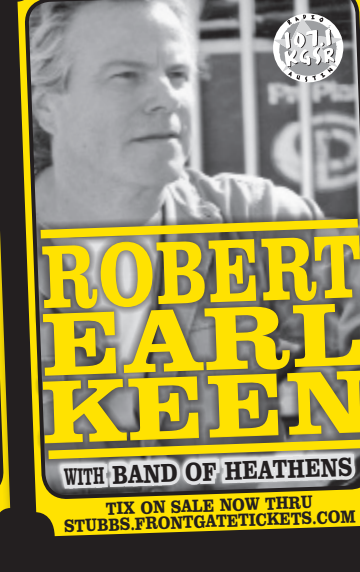
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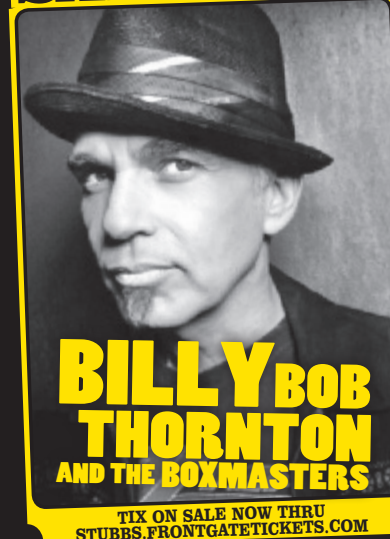
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Cadaques (3:30)

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(1:00)

ANTONE'S Eric Tessmer, Wes Jeans

(9:00)

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BEERLAND John Schooley & His

One Man Band, the Watsloves

THE BELMONT Suzanna Choffel

(8:00)

BENNIGAN'S Andy Fiegal (7:00)

BOTTICELLI'S Shawn Nelson

BROKEN SPOKE Chaparral w/ Jeff

Hughes

THE BROWN BAR DJ gmau

CAFE MUNDI Vanessa Lively, Carrie

Elkin, Datri Bean, Carley Wolf,

Gina Chavez, Raina Rose, Teresa

Storch (6:00)

CAROUSEL LOUNGE Falcon

Buddies, World Racketeering

Squad

CEDAR STREET Kent Mayhew, LC

Rocks (6:00)

CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH Sarah

Dinan (6:30)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Mother

Truckers (6:30), Lonesome Spurs,

Unknown Hinson (10:00)

COOL RIVER CAFE Max

COPA BAR & GRILL Salsa Lessons

w/ Tony, the Brew (8:00)

DETOUR BAR & GRILL Jeremy

Miller

DONN'S DEPOT Murphy's Inlaws

THE DRISKILL HOTEL Anthony

Farrell, Ty Austin (7:00)

EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE

Mark Goodwin Trio (7:30)

ELEPHANT ROOM Stanley Smith,

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Release (6:00)

EMO'S Outside: Amplified Heat,

Pink Reason, the Strange Boys,

Roky Erickson & the Explosives;

Lounge: Team Fabrication,

Brother Machine, the Come

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Lewis & the Funeral Five; Inside:

Iron Age, No Fucker, Under

Pressure, World Burns to Death,

Fy Fan, Hard Skin

EVANGELINE CAFE Alvin Crow

(7:00)

FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE

Matt the Electrician, Southpaw

Jones (8:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE

Shelley King & Julieann Banks

(8:00)

FREDDIE'S PLACE Graham

Wilkinson (6:00)

GIDDY UPS Open Mic w/ Mike

Morgan

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN

SALOON Dale Watson (9:00)

GRUENE HALL Keith Davis Band

(7:00)

HANOVER'S Karaoke w/ Dan the

Man

HEADHUNTERS Amber Lucille, Left

Out, Red Line Riot

HI-LO Jeremy Steding (10:30)

HILL'S CAFE Dr. G. & the Mudcats

Lomita, Chris Brecht (9:30)

HOLE IN THE WALL Nick Beaudoin,

Mary Cutrufello (8:00)

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Cleve & Sweet Mary, Jim Patton

& Sherry Brokus, Tim Henderson,

Mary Cutrufello (8:00)

JOVITA'S The Cornell Hurd Band

(8:00)

LA PALAPA Steven Franks (7:00)

LAMBERTS Glover Tango (7:00), the

Black, Follow That Bird!, Spectre

in the Cab (10:30)

Acts are chronologically listed. Schedules are subject to change, so please call clubs to confirm lineup. Times are given where known and are PM unless otherwise noted.

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LATITUDE 30 Jordan Tanner (9:00)

THE LOADING DOCK Open Mic

(7:00)

LOUIE'S 106 Mac Bynum (6:30)

LUCKY LOUNGE DB. Initiative

(10:00)

LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Muchos

Backflips!, Bloodshot Pyramid

(9:00)

MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Nathan

Hubble, Michael Clay (7:00)

MERKABA LOUNGE & GRILL

Cameron Road, the Fatal

Attractions (6:00)

MOHAWK Quiet Hooves, Dark Meat,

Cave Singers

MOMO'S Havilah, Austin Collins,

Jansen Hawkins, AM Ramblers,

Rodney Parker

MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN

Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (6:00)

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INSIDE: **CHAOS IN TEJASI** 8PM
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NO FUCKER • **IRON AGE**

LOUNGE:
MR. LEWIS AND THE FUNERAL FIVE
MR. AND MRS. MAYS • **TEAM FABRICATION** • **TBA**

OUTSIDE: **CHAOS IN TEJASI** 8PM
ROKY ERICKSON
& **THE EXPLOSIVES**
THE STRANGE BOYS • **PINK REASON** • **AMPLIFIED HEAT**

FRIDAY, MAY 16

OUTSIDE: **CHAOS IN TEJASI** 7PM
DILLINGER FOUR
LEATHERFACE • **THE MARKED MEN**
STRAIGHT JACKET NATION (AUSTRALIA)
IRON LUNG • **HATRED SURGE**
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INSIDE: **HEROINE SHIEKS**
WE'LL GO MACHETE • **CAMP X-RAY**

SATURDAY, MAY 17

OUTSIDE: **CHAOS IN TEJASI** 7PM
LOS CRUDOS (REUNION)
CRUDE (JAPAN) • **TRAGEDY** • **INMATES**
INVASION (SPAIN) • **REPERCUSSIONS** • **DESKONOCIDOS**

INSIDE:
NEW BOMB TURKS
QUADRAJETS
SPACE COOKIE

LOUNGE: **MAGNET SCHOOL** • **THE CRASH THAT TOOK ME**
SALLY CREWE & THE SUDDEN MOVES • **GLYNN WEDGEWOOD**
(OF IV THIEVES)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

INSIDE: **LOS HISPANOS U.K.**
PICKLED PUNKS • **PUDDING**
ROCK CITY ROCKINGTONS

LOUNGE: **THE NARROW ESCAPES** • **MERYLL**
DIGNAN • **ALL GET OUT**

MONDAY, MAY 19

INSIDE: **THE APE SHITS**
THE TEST PATTERNS • **THE TEENERS**

TUESDAY, MAY 20

INSIDE: **FOREVER THE SICKEST KIDS**
METRO STATION • **THE MAINE**
DANGER RADIO • **THE CAB**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

INSIDE: **TRACHTENBURG FAMILY**
SLIDESHOW PLAYERS
BELAIRE • **THE WISDOM TEETH**

LOUNGE: **FATBACK CIRCUS**
KILLING INDUSTRY • **ZONA STRIKE**

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INSIDE: **ZOOKEEPER** • **IDEAL SOUL MART**
GOSPEL TRUTH
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FRIDAY, MAY 23

OUTSIDE:
 **CLINIC**
BBQ

INSIDE: **NEVA DINOVA** • **LADYHAWK**

LOUNGE: **GREG GINN** (OF BLACK FLAG)
AND THE TEXAS CORRUGATORS
JAMBANG • **ATTIC TED**

SATURDAY, MAY 24

OUTSIDE: **MURDER BY DEATH**
DIOS • **GASOLINE HEART**



LOUNGE: **BLACK AND WHITE YEARS**
PRETTY BABY • **THE BOXING LESSON**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

INSIDE: **SUSHO NO FUNE** • **ST37** • **RUBBLE**

THURSDAY, MAY 29

INSIDE: **FACELESS WEREWOLVES** • **JOHNNY GOBBS**
LOVE TAPS • **THE BILL JEFFEREYS**

LOUNGE: **HEADRESS** • **CHARLES POTTS'**
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LOUNGE:
THE RAVEN TREE • **GOODNIGHT GODDESS**
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SATURDAY, MAY 31

INSIDE: **AMPLIFIED HEAT** • **LALALAND**
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SUNDAY, JUNE 1

INSIDE: **LOCAL H** • **LIONS** • **BLIND PETS**
LOUNGE: **THE LEFTOVERS** • **JETTY BOYS**
NASTY RUMORS • **TBA**

MONDAY, JUNE 2

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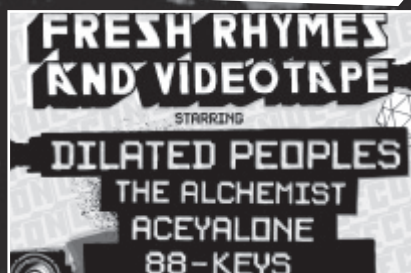
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HAVILAH 7
NO COVER HAPPY HR **HAN HO** 5:30-6:45

FRIDAY MAY 16 / \$8

NAKIA & HIS SOUTHERN COUSINS 10:30
CHARLIE FAYE 9:15
JONATHAN CLAY 6:30-9
ERNIE HALTER & JOSH HOGE
LIVE OAK DECLINE 12
NO COVER HAPPY HR **IDGY VAUGHN** 5:15

SATURDAY MAY 17 / \$5

DREW SMITH'S LONELY CHOIR 8:45
WINDMILL BAND 10
GOLDCURE 11:15
MAMA SWEET 12:30
TYLER JORDAN 7:30

SUNDAY MAY 18 / \$5

HONEYDEW REVUE 9:30
MARSHALL FORD SWING BAND 8
APRIL HALL BAND 6

MONDAY MAY 19 / \$5

 **DUSTIN WELCH**
& **THE HOUSE BAND** 10:45

JEREMY NAIL & THE INCIDENTS 12:15
500 MILES TO MEMPHIS 9:30
JOSH GRIDER 8
LATIN AT HEART 6:30
NO COVER HAPPY HR **MICHAEL DART** 5:15

TUESDAY MAY 20 / \$10

BUKKA ALLEN 10
BETTYSOO, VANESSA LIVELY
& **DANNY SCHMIDT** 7:45
CARRIE ELKIN 11:15
BOBBY BOOKOUT 12:45
NO COVER HAPPY HR **RANDY WEEKS** 6-7:30

WEDNESDAY MAY 21

 **DAN DYER** 9:30
DREW SMITH'S LONELY CHOIR 11
SICK'S PACK 12:30
SARAH SHARP 8
TRAVIS DAMRON 7
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• 6/15 THE STRANGE BOYS, COATHANGERS, TBA (INSIDE) • 6/19 DOSH, ANATHALLO, BALMORHEA (LOUNGE) / WYE OAK, PONTIAC (INSIDE, ON SALE NOW)

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• 6/26 THE KADANE BROTHERS (OF BEDHEAD & THE NEW YEAR) (INSIDE) • 6/28 MODEY LEMON • 7/1 NO AGE • 7/2 SUN CITY GIRLS TRIBUTE • 7/3 JEREMY JAY, {{SUNSET}}, NIC ARMSTRONG

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• 7/12 BOB LOG • 7/17 TILLY AND THE WALL (OUTSIDE) • 7/18 RX BANDITS W/ PORTUGAL THE MAN / FACING NEW YORK (OUTSIDE)

• 7/19 HIEROGLYPHICS (SOULS OF MISCFIEF, PEP LOVE, & CASUAL), BLUE SCHOLARS, KNOBODY, MUSAB, PRINCE ALI (OUTSIDE) • 7/22 NOMO (LOUNGE, ON SALE 5/17)

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club listings << FROM THURSDAY

NUTTY BROWN CAFE Texas Renegade
THE OAKS Will Gullatt, Ebb & Flo, Trio Del Rio, the Love Band, Patty Finney (7:00)
ONE 2 ONE BAR Will Evans Project (10:00)
OPAL DIVINE'S FREEHOUSE Tyler Jordan
THE OPERA HOUSE Real Live Tigers, Brown Bird, Dana Falconberry, David Israel & the Platelets
PANGAEA Heart House Austin Benefit w/ Kevin Conner (7:30)
THE PARLOR Go to Hell, Numerators, Daniel Francis Doyle
PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE Spring Creek String Band (8:00)
POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Stop the Truck
RED 7 Baron Grod, Javelina, the Dead See, Maneaters of Tsavo
RED EYED FLY Salmonella Rex, Bad Day Motorcade, Monument to No One, Blunt Force Trauma
RED FEZ Twilight Broadcast, Weekend Warm-Up (8:30)
RENAISSANCE HOTEL Lobby Lounge: Rich Demarco (6:00)
RILEY'S TAVERN Dale Riley & the Last Train South
ROCK CITY ICEHOUSE Cellus & the Loose Grip, White Knuckle Drivers, Andy Macintyre & the Primal Groove
ROOM 710 VoidLand, Those Bottom Feeders, Sick's Pack, Hoodrats
RUTA MAYA Jim O. Potluck Benefit w/ Michael Shay, the Just Desserts, Libby Kirkpatrick (9:30)
SALVAGE VANGUARD THEATER Gary B. Band, Bee vs. Moth, Cif Hashins (8:00)
SAXON PUB Sons of the Revolution (6:00), Band of Heathens, George Devore, Macon Grayson (8:00)
SCOOT INN & BIER GARTEN Fat Man & Little Boy, Shotgun Party, Deadly Companions, the Moonhangers (8:00)
SHENANIGANS Karaoke w/ Billy D.
SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB & GRILL Mike Maven & the Good Life
SIENA RISTORANTE TOSCANA Woode Wood
SOUND ON SOUND The Altars, Brain Handle (3:00)
SPEAKEASY D-Madness (9:30)
STUBB'S She Wants Revenge, Be Your Own Pet, the Virgins, Switches
T.C.'S LOUNGE Michael Holt & the Trophy 500's (10:00)
TEXAS BAR & GRILL Roger Len Smith
TREE HOUSE ITALIAN GRILL Lucky Strikes (7:30)
THE TRIANGLE Casey Yeager (7:00)
TRIPLE CROWN Phil Stevens, King Slim Blues

VICTORY GRILL Word/Jazz Low Stars (8:00)
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Fri 16

ABIA: EARL CAMPBELL'S SPORTS BAR Allison Thrash (3:30)
ABIA: HIGHLAND LAKES BAR Los Texas Wranglers (3:30)
ABIA: WATERLOO RECORDS/AUSTIN CITY LIMITS Shad Blair (1:00)
ANTONE'S Nathan Singleton, the Bluebonnets, Guy Forsyth CD Release (9:00)
ARTZ RIB HOUSE The Studebakers (7:30)
B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Venson & Lee
BACKSTAGE STEAKHOUSE & GARDEN BAR Michael Samuels (7:00)
BB ROVERS Dixie Beal & the Group W Bench (7:00)
BEAUTY BAR Prince Klassen, Gangsta Royalty, Monkeytown, Peel
BEERLAND Broken Gold, the Wednesdays, Silver Lions 20/20
THE BELMONT The Busta' Moovalators (9:00)
BOAT HOUSE GRILL Imbibe
BOTTICELLI'S About: Blank
'BOUT TIME DJ Element
BROKEN SPOKE James Hand
BUFFALO BILLIARDS The Follow-Through (10:00)
CAFE CAFFEINE Lili & Walter (7:00)
THE CANARY ROOST Karaoke w/ Nicole
CAROUSEL LOUNGE Loose Leaves, Ryan Young (7:00)
CENTRAL MARKET NORTH Cadaques (6:30), Atash (6:30)
CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Owen Temple (9:30), Owen Temple (9:30)
CLUB DE VILLE KOOP Radio Pop Prom w/ the Bubbles, the Always Already, Basic, Shapes Have Fangs
CONTINENTAL CLUB Chili Cold Blood, White Ghost Shivers (10:00)
COOL RIVER CAFE London Calling
COTTON CLUB Southbound (8:30)
DETOUR BAR & GRILL Tim & the Time Bombs
DONN'S DEPOT Donn & the Station Masters
THE DRISKILL HOTEL Ty Austin, Suzi Stern (7:00)
DRY CREEK SALOON Damon Bramblett (8:00)
EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Mark Goodwin Trio (8:00)
EL JACALITO Ritmo Tejano w/ Jesse Botello
EL SOL Y LA LUNA Oliver Rajamani (7:30)
ELEPHANT ROOM Tony Airoldi & the Lounge Gypsies, Kat Edmonson (6:00)

ELYSIUM Cure Tribute w/ Christian Hicks, Seaholm Electric, Rescue Mission
EMO'S Outside: Chaos in Tejas w/ Sacred Shock, Brain Handle, Hatred Surge, Iron Lung, Straightjacket Nation, Marked Men, Leatherface, Dillinger Four (7:00); Lounge: Natural Ear School of Music (7:00); DJ Tako, Blacklisted Individuals, Yadira Brown, LAX, Visitors (10:00); Inside: Camp X-Ray, We'll Go Machete, Heroine Sheiks (10:00)
EVANGELINE CAFE Greezy Wheels (10:00)
FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE Chris Montgomery, Seven O'Nein (5:00)
FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Abi Tapia, Izzy Cox (9:00)
FREDDIE'S PLACE Billy Dee (6:00)
FURR'S FAMILY DINING Carlton Lombard (6:00)
GIDDY UPS Burl Wilkerson
GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Brennen Leigh (9:00)
GRUENE HALL Tejas Brothers, Todd Snider (8:00)
HANOVER'S Kevin Havron, Anthony Eby (8:30)
HEADHUNTERS Brigitte Handley, World's Most Dangerous Band, Sabbath Crow
HOLE IN THE WALL Patsy, the Carnys, Coma In Algiers (10:00)
HOT MAMA'S ESPRESSO BAR DJ Bullet (6:00)
JAVA LOUNGE AT AUSTIN JAVA Elephant Gaun (8:00)
LA PALAPA Karaoke w/ Big Jim (8:00)
LA ZONA ROSA Combichrist, the Birthday Massacre, Mindless Self Indulgence (8:00)
LAMBERTS Mediums, Infinite Partial (10:30)
LATITUDE 30 Reese Perkins (9:00)
LOCKER ROOM SPORTS BAR Insta-Gators
LONG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Austin Symphony Orchestra (8:00)
LOUIE'S 106 Kenny Luna (6:30)
LUCKY LOUNGE Lucascookus (9:00)
LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Electric Courage Machine, They Mean Us, J&L Brothers (9:00)
MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Leeann Atherton (7:00)
MERKABA LOUNGE & GRILL Matt Wilson, JJ Usher (6:00)
MOMO'S Jonathan Clay, Ernie Halter & Josh Hoge, Charlie Faye; Nakia & His Southern Cousins; Live Oak Decline (6:30)
MOTHER EGAN'S IRISH PUB Gaelic Storm, Silver Thistle Pipes & Drums, Tea Merchants (9:00)
MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (6:00)
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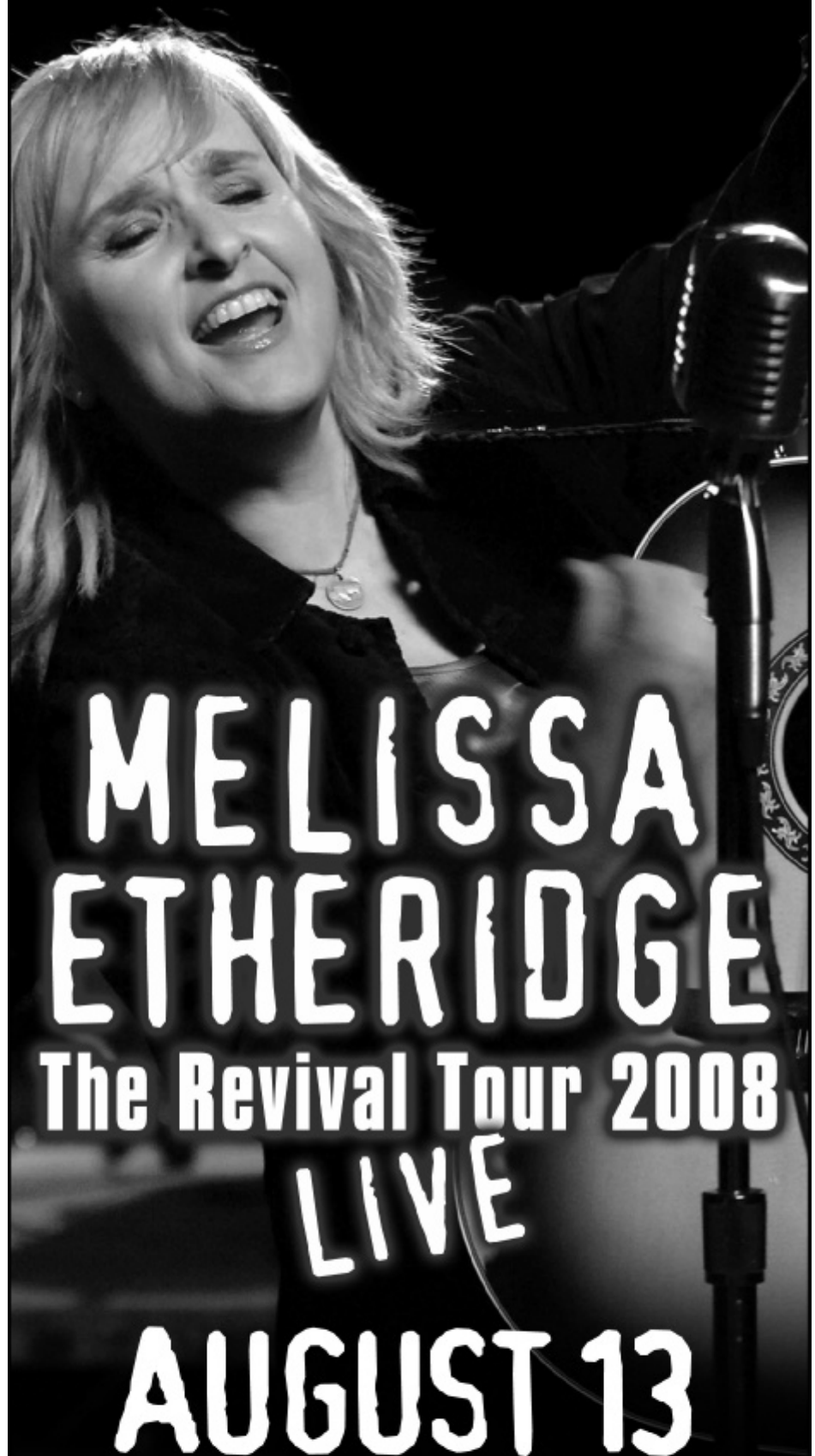
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THE OAKS Jere
ONE 2 ONE BAR Derrick Davis (10:00)
PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE Texas Swing Kings (8:00)
THE PIER ON LAKE TRAVIS Clay Jeffrey
PLUSH Hump! w/ J.J. Lopez, Pain (10:00)
POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Blacktop Gypsy
RACK DADDY'S Karaoke w/ Robert Wagner (10:00)
RED 7 Outside: Maldoids, the AKA's, Phenomenauts; Inside: The Liars
RED EYED FLY Thieves & Saints, A Silent Heart, the Homicides, Cobretti, For Sake of the Ruins
RENAISSANCE HOTEL Lobby Lounge: Rich Demarco (6:00)
RESISTENCIA BOOKSTORE Buscando El Monte, Mitote CD Release (7:00)
RILEY'S TAVERN Redd Volkaert
ROCK CITY ICEHOUSE Early: Paul Green School of Rock: Later: Bionic Gorilla Project, Thunderosa, Dirt Leg Barrio
ROMEO'S Rob Greenfield
ROOM 710 Sick's Pack, Cracker Creptacular, Muchos Backflips!, Opposite Day
RUTA MAYA Carley Wolf, James Bullard, Jennifer Leonhardt (9:30)
SAXON PUB The Regulars (6:00), Omar & the Howlers, Larry Lange & His Lonely Knights (9:00)
SCOOT INN & BIER GARTEN Lost Controls, Shit City High, Deadly Companions (9:00)
SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB & GRILL Never Say Tomorrow
SHOOTERS BILLIARDS Capital Suspects (9:00)
SKI SHORES Amy & the Bullets
SPEAKEASY LC Rocks (9:30)
STUBB'S Rockabilly Revival w/ Brigitte Handley, Koffin Kats, Legendary Shack Shakers, Guana Batz, the Rockats (6:00)
TEXAS BAR & GRILL Bitu Blue
TREE HOUSE ITALIAN GRILL Aunt Ruby's Sweet Jazz Babies (7:30)
TRIPLE CROWN Bruce Smith, River Hymn, Green Mountain Grass
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE Slackey Family Band (7:00)
WATERLOO RECORDS Old 97's (5:00)

Sat 17

ANTONE'S The Subdudes (9:00)
ARTZ RIB HOUSE Sieker Band (7:30)
AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET DOWNTOWN Havilah Tower, the Seekers (10:00am)
B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Charlie Crane Band
BACKSTAGE STEAKHOUSE & GARDEN BAR Michael Samuels (7:00)
BB ROVERS Mandy Mercier (9:00)
BEERLAND Social Circle
THE BELMONT Bruce James Soultet (9:00)
BOAT HOUSE GRILL Byrd & Street
BOTTICELLI'S Erik Telford Collective
'BOUT TIME DJ Element (9:00)
BROKEN SPOKE Alvin Crow

THE BROWN BAR DJ gmau
THE CANARY ROOST Karaoke w/ Nicole
CAROUSEL LOUNGE The Ugly Beats
CEDAR HALL Sam Bentley Band
CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE South First Band (9:30)
CLUB 21 Jason Arnold & the Stepsiders (9:00)
CONTINENTAL CLUB James Hand (3:00), Mike Flanigin's B-3 Trio, Doyle Bramhall (10:00)
COOL RIVER CAFE Wall Street
COPA BAR & GRILL DJ Alvaro
COTTON CLUB Kenny Orts (8:30)
DETOUR BAR & GRILL The Rhythm Dawgs
DONN'S DEPOT Albert & Gage
THE DRISKILL HOTEL Pat on Piano, Suzi Stern (7:00)
EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kris Kimura Quartet (8:00)
EMO'S Inside: Space Cookie, Quadrajets, New Bomb Turks; Outside: Chaos in Tejas w/ Deskonocidos, the Repercussions, Invasion, Inmates, Tragedy, Crude, Los Crudos (7:00); Lounge: Glynn Wedgewood, Sally Crewe & the Sudden Moves, the Crash That Took Me, Magnet School
EVANGELINE CAFE Alan Haynes (10:00)
FLAMINGO CANTINA Mr. Brown, Cyril Neville (9:00)
FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE Sarah Temple (9:00)
FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Jane Bond, Nathan Hamilton (9:00)
FREDDIE'S PLACE Hollywood Indians (6:00)
GIDDY UPS Aaron Navarro & Brewster McCracken
GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Billy Dee (9:00)
GRUENE HALL Clay McClinton (1:00)
HANOVER'S Velvet Brick, Supercrash, Butcherwhite (8:30)
HEADHUNTERS Sunshine Helicopters, Bus Stop Stallions
HI-LO Josh Allen & the Whiskey Bros.
HILL'S CAFE Doug Warriner
HOLE IN THE WALL Fever Dreams (10:00)
JAVA LOUNGE AT AUSTIN JAVA Matt Maye, Greg Vendetti, Luke Kalloch, Dave Thies & Charlie Oxford (8:00)
LA PALAPA Karaoke w/ Big Jim (8:00)
LAMBERTS Many Birthdays, Baby Robots, Diagonals, Basic (10:30)
LANIER HIGH SCHOOL Aruna Sairam (6:30)
LOCKER ROOM SPORTS BAR Ted Hall & the Pleasure Cats
LONG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Austin Symphony Orchestra (8:00)
LOUIE'S 106 Mac Bynum (6:30)
LUCKY LOUNGE Meridianwest (9:00)
LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Subrosa Union, 11-Fingered Charlie (9:00)
MAGGIE MAE'S Rick Harvey's Blues Jam (6:00)
MERKABA LOUNGE & GRILL Alpha Rev, Sounds Under Radio, Phoenix Down
MOHAWK Frank Smith, Golden Brown, Pink Nasty

MOMO'S Tyler Jordan, Drew Smith, Charles Pott's Magic Windmill Band, Goldcure, Mama Sweet (6:30)
MONARCH EVENT CENTER Los Bad Apples, Carabelas Collective, Servando y Florentino, Oscar D'Leon
MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (11:30am)
NORTH BY NORTHWEST RESTAURANT & BREWERY Stephen Doster & Will Sexton (6:30)
NUTTY BROWN CAFE Mingo Fishtrap
THE OAKS True Feo Benefit w/ Reid Wilson & His So-Called Friends (2:00)
THE OFFICE LOUNGE Dim Lit Daylight (8:30)
ONE 2 ONE BAR Primm
ONE WORLD THEATRE Lannaya (noon)
OPAL DIVINE'S MARINA Vanessa Lively (8:00)
OPAL DIVINE'S PENN FIELD Sick's Pack (8:00)
PARAMOUNT THEATRE Austin Theatre Alliance Gala w/ Idgy Vaughn, Kris Kristofferson (6:30); On Congress: Dysfunkshun Junkshun (8:45)
THE PARISH John Pointer, Erin Ivey
THE PARLOR The Malpractice, Open Casket
PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE Melancholy Ramblers (7:00)
PLUGGER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE Repercussions, Inmates (2:00am)
THE PIER ON LAKE TRAVIS Drew Womack
POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Evelyn Brown, Britni Hoover
QUACK'S MAPLEWOOD BAKERY Colin Swietek, Hilary York, Steve Arceri (9:00)
RABBIT'S LOUNGE Moving Blues (9:00)
RED 7 Early: District of Evolution, In Situ Sound, Farthest From the Star; Later: Joe Buck Yourself, Scorpion Child, Scott H. Biram, Nashville Pussy, Japanther, the Pharmacy, MVSCSLZ
RED FEZ An Arabian Night w/ DJ Inverse, DJ Kurv (10:00)
RENAISSANCE HOTEL Lobby Lounge: Rich Demarco (6:00)
RILEY'S TAVERN Shelli Coe
ROCK CITY ICEHOUSE Early: Paul Green School of Rock Music; Later: Johnny Solinger, Joker, Second to Last
ROMEO'S GEORGETOWN Kirk Hale (6:30)
ROOM 710 Tia Carrera, Maneaters of Tsavo, Splithoof, Super Heavy Goat Ass, Dixie Witch
RUTA MAYA Blues Mafia, the Hero Cycle, Cranes of the Republic, the Daze, the Audiophiles (1:00), Rattletree (6:00), Big Chief Kevin & the Flaming Arrows, the Black Seminole Indians, Big Queen Angel, Caesar Brothers' Funkbox (9:30)
SAXON PUB Carolyn Wonderland, Lisa Hayes, Drew Smith (8:00)
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TEXAS BAR & GRILL Dawn Maracle
THE THIRSTY NICKEL Lucascookus
(8:00)

THREADGILL'S WORLD HQ The
Gougers, Scott Miller (9:00)

TREE HOUSE ITALIAN GRILL
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TRIPLE CROWN Bradley Oliver,
Cellus & the Loose Grip, Three
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WATERLOO ICE HOUSE Ruby Jane
Smith (7:00)

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(7:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Bert Rivera
(6:30)

AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO. 1735
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B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Irish
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BB ROVERS Open Mic w/ Mojo
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Operas, Mallory Valentine

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'BOUT TIME Karaoke w/ Clayton
Adams

THE CANARY ROOST Karaoke w/
Brian

CEDAR STREET St. Luke Rock-a-Bye
Benefit w/ Eliza Gilkyson, Mike
Rosenthal (5:00)

CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH
Cienfuegos (12:30)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE
Ash Family (4:00)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Heybale! w/
Redd Volkaert & Earl Poole Ball
(10:00)

COTTON CLUB Can't Hardly
Playboyz (7:00)

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FRIENDS Open Mic Blues Jam
(8:00)

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN
SALOON Dale Watson (4:00)

GREEN PASTURES Jacques Vilmain
(11:00am)

GRUENE HALL Americana Music
Jam (12:30)

HEADHUNTERS Confuzatron,
District of Evolution, Drider

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Good Life (10:00)

HOLE IN THE WALL Gina Chavez,
Ryan Anderson, Graham Weber
(8:00)

IGUANA GRILL Bo Porter (5:30)

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Stern, Kellye Gray, Susanna
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Graham Reynolds, Oliver
Rajamani (6:00)

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Quickwit (9:00)

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MEAN-EYED CAT Jeremy Steding
CD Release (4:00)

MERKABA LOUNGE & GRILL SINS
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MOHAWK The Steed (10:00)

MOMO'S April Hall, Marshall Ford
Swing Band, Honeydew Revue
(6:00)

MOTHER EGAN'S IRISH PUB
Samantha Miller (7:30)

NUOVO LEÓN Mariachi Relampago
(1:00)

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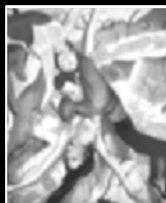
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RILEY'S TAVERN Open Mic w/
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(4:00)

ROMEO'S Rob Greenfield

ROOM 710 Chris Toast Trio,
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Womack, the Salingers (7:00)

SCOOT INN & BIER GARTEN The
Jungle Rockers (6:00)

SHENANIGANS Karaoke w/ Billy D

SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB & GRILL The Fuss

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Sexton (5:30)

STUBB'S The Shields of Faith
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TASTE SELECT WINES Michael
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THREADGILL'S WORLD HQ Angela
Strehli, Paul Thorn (5:00)

TRIPLE CROWN Open Mic w/ Pat
Pankratz, Holly Aiken, Nate Hinds

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE Sunday
Brunch w/ Buzz Guerra

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE Jim's
Country Jam (7:00)

Mon 19

ABIA: HIGHLAND LAKES BAR Solo
Vato (3:30)

ANTONE'S Duke Spirit, Black Rebel
Motorcycle Club (9:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Sarah Elizabeth
Campbell & the Banned (7:30)

AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO. 1735
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B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Eric
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CAROUSEL LOUNGE Blue Squeeze
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CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE
Big John Mills & the Texas Road
Dogs (9:30)

CHEZ ZEE Rich Demarco (6:30)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Uptown
Swingsters (6:30), Dale Watson
& His Lone Stars (10:00)

DONN'S DEPOT Chris Gage

THE DRISKILL HOTEL Anthony
Farrell (7:00)

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Kris Kimura Quartet (7:00)

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GÜERO'S TACO BAR Trio Indiano
(6:30)

HEADHUNTERS Gregory Miles
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HOLE IN THE WALL David Nathan,
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Basic, Dash Kizer (8:00)

LA PALAPA Baby Dallas

LATITUDE 30 Jordan Tanner (9:00)

LOUIE'S 106 Red Young (6:30)

LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Robbie's
Open Mic (9:00)

MOMO'S Michael Dart, Latin at
Heart, Josh Grider, 500 Miles to
Memphis, Dustin Welch, Jeremy
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CEDAR STREET Trent & Dave, the Spazmatics (6:00)
CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH Miss Lauren Marie (6:30)
CHAIN DRIVE Nick Kraus & His Austin Torpedoes, Sweet Lee Morrow, Laura Palmer
CHEZ ZEE Jacinta (7:00)
THE COCKPIT CLUB Club Inclusive w/ Julie Nolan, DJ Miah Love (9:00)
CONTINENTAL CLUB Shotgun Party (6:30), Jon Dee Graham, James McMurtry (10:00)
COPA BAR & GRILL Seu Jacinto (7:00)
CREEKSIDE LOUNGE Kill the DJ, Smash-Ups, Robot, DJ Alib, Ghettech w/ DJ Orion (9:30)
CUBA LIBRE Havana Nights w/ the Cadaques (8:00)
DONN'S DEPOT Frank & the Station Masters
THE DRISKILL HOTEL Riegel Thurston, Hilary York, Kullen Fuchs (7:00)
EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kat Edmonson (7:00)
ELEPHANT ROOM Jazz Pharaohs (6:00), Monster Big Band (9:30)
ELYSIUM Mid Wave w/ DJ Pumpkin Spice, DJ Edminister
EMO'S Lounge: Zona Strike, Killing Industry, Fatback Circus; Inside: The Wisdom Teeth, Belaire, Trachtenburg Family Slideshow Players; Outside: Bun B (10:00)
EVANGELINE CAFE Charlie Irwin, Charlie Irwin (7:00)
FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE Michael Fracasso (8:00)
FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE The Johns, McMercy Family Gospel Band (9:00)
GIDDY UPS Open Blues Jam w/ JJ Slyde (8:00)
GINNYS LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Roger Wallace (9:00)
GRUENE HALL Zach Walther & the Cronkites (6:00)
HANOVER'S Open Mic w/ Carson Alexander
HEADHUNTERS Red Queen Effect, Slumlord
HI-LO Open Mic w/ In the Rounds (10:30)
HILL'S CAFE Josh Grider, Charlie Robison
HOLE IN THE WALL Mike & the Moonpies, Friends of Dean Martinez, Leo Rondeau, the Lonesome Heroes (9:00)
JAVA LOUNGE AT AUSTIN JAVA Jennifer Grassman & Terami Hirsh (8:00)
LA PALAPA Big Frank Gomez (7:00)
LAMBERTS Erik Hokkanen's Gypsy Tribe (7:00), the Reflex (10:30)
LAS PALOMAS Javier Chaparro, Rick McRae, Terry Hale, Art Kidd (6:30)
LOUIE'S 106 Red Young (6:30)
LUCKY LOUNGE Anagen (10:00)
LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Electric Mayhem (9:00)
MAGGIE MAE'S Patrick Fleming (10:00)
MERKABA LOUNGE & GRILL Will Evans Project
MOHAWK My Education, Rescue Mission, Calm Blue Sea (10:00)

MOMO'S Travis Damron, Sarah Sharp, Dan Dyer, Drew Smith
MULLIGAN'S Karaoke w/ Stormy (9:00)
MUSIC MANIA Bun B (5:00)
NORTH BY NORTHWEST RESTAURANT & BREWERY People Skills (6:30)
NUNZIA'S AT THE Y Matt Giles (6:30)
ONE 2 ONE BAR 80H Project (10:00)
THE PARLOR Tristero
PARMER LANE TAVERN Pete Benz (9:00)
POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Open Mic w/ Fond Kiser (8:00)
REALE'S PIZZA & CAFE "Frankly" Singing w/ Ken Kruse (6:30)
RILEY'S TAVERN Emmerson Biggins Band
ROADHOUSE Karaoke w/ Billy D.
ROOM 710 Liquid Revolution, Wiretree, Dr. Zoom, El Paso Heist
RUTA MAYA Salsa Lessons, Cienfuegos (7:30)
SCOOT INN & BIER GARTEN Austin Poetry Slam, Izzy Cox (8:00)
SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB & GRILL Radiostar
SHOAL CREEK SALOON Eve & the Exiles (8:30)
SPEAKEASY Salsa Lessons, the Brew (9:00)
STUBB'S Shawn Fussell
TRIPLE CROWN The Thrillbillies
WATERLOO ICE HOUSE Ptarmigan (7:00)
Z'TEJAS Stephen Doster, Will Sexton & Bill Carter

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ELEPHANT ROOM Dylan Meek, Sam Lipman Quintet (6:00)
EMO'S Ross Cashiola, Gospel Truth, Ideal Soul Mart, Zookeeper
EVANGELINE CAFE Craig Tountage (7:00)
FLIPNOTICS AT THE TRIANGLE Matt the Electrician, Southpaw Jones (8:00)
GIDDY UPS Open Mic w/ Mike Morgan
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GRUENE HALL Dave Insley (7:00)
HANOVER'S Karaoke w/ Dan the Man
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HI-LO Jeremy Steding (10:30)
HOLE IN THE WALL Milton Mapes, Deadman, the Astronaut Suit CD Release (9:00)
JOVITA'S The Cornell Hurd Band (8:00)
LA PALAPA Tracie Lynn (7:00)
LAMBERTS Glover Tango (7:00), James Hand (10:30)
LATITUDE 30 Jordan Tanner (9:00)
THE LOADING DOCK Open Mic (7:00)
LOUIE'S 106 Mac Bynum (6:30)
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LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Carlton Pride & Zion (9:00)
MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Nathan Hubble, Michael Clay (7:00)
MERKABA LOUNGE & GRILL Cameron Road, the Fatal Attractions (6:00)
MOHAWK Jet Lag Gemini, Eagle Claw, Betaplayer, Consider the Source (10:00)
MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN Thomas "Doc" Grauer (6:00)
THE PARLOR Cocker Spaniels
PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE April Hall (8:00)
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Cobretti 9:45PM Brotherhood 10:30PM
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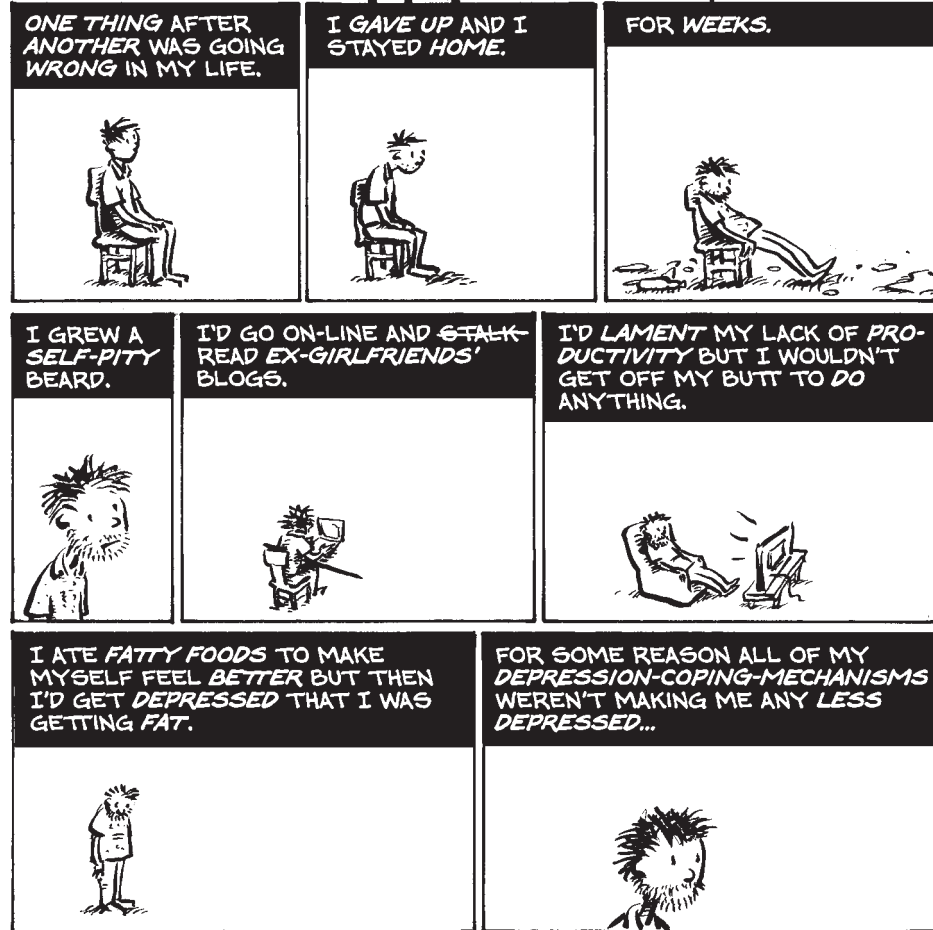
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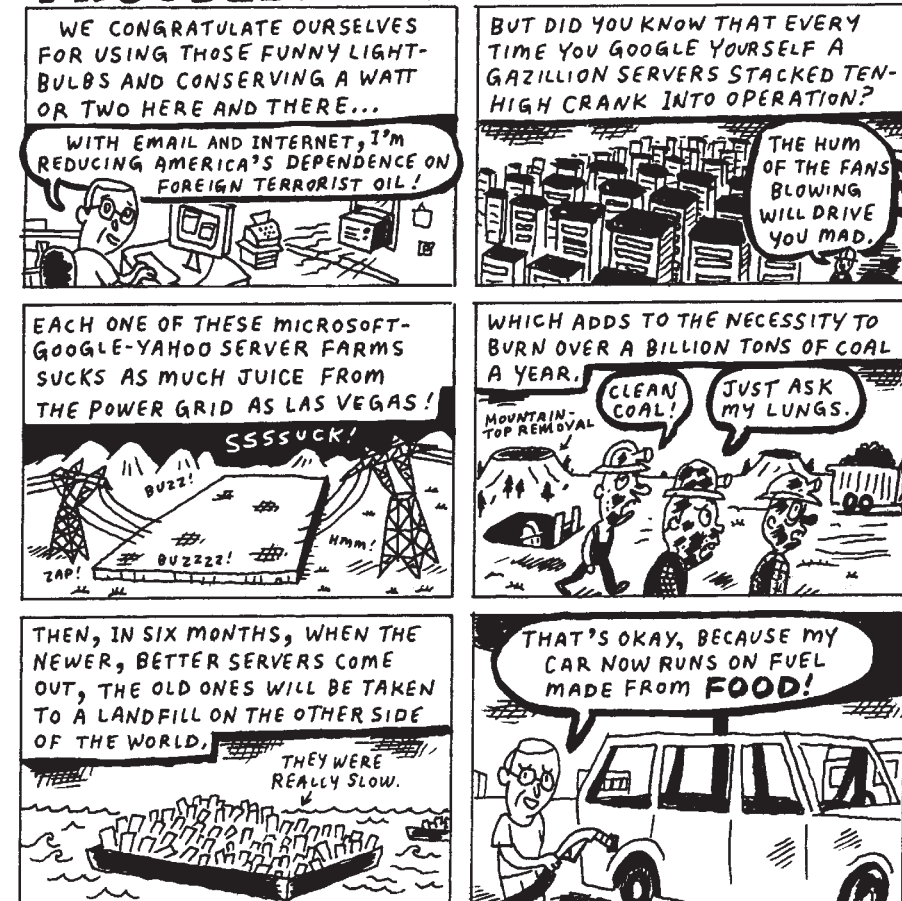


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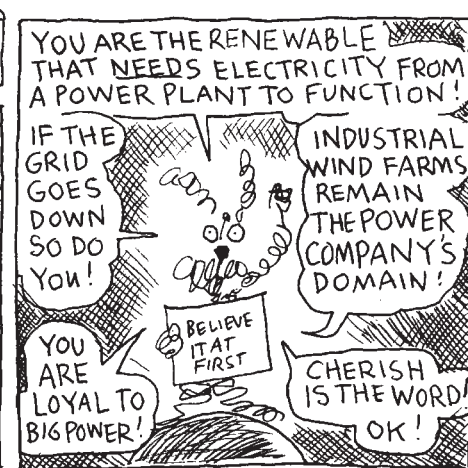
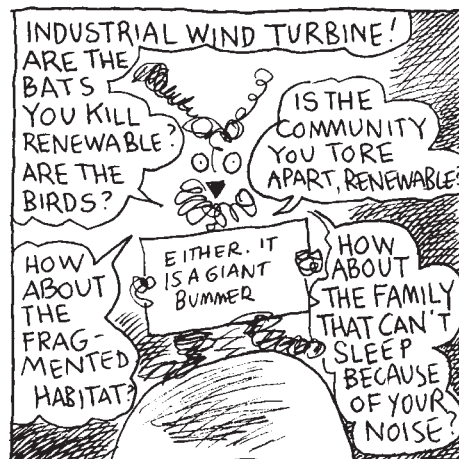
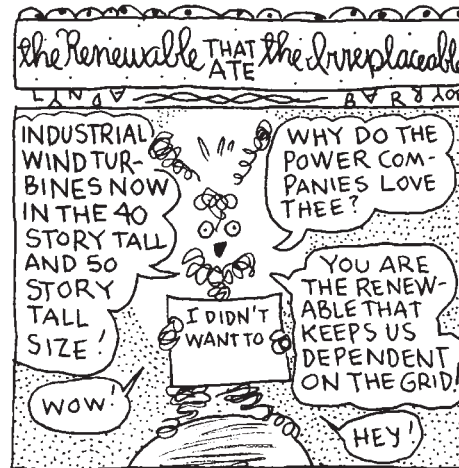
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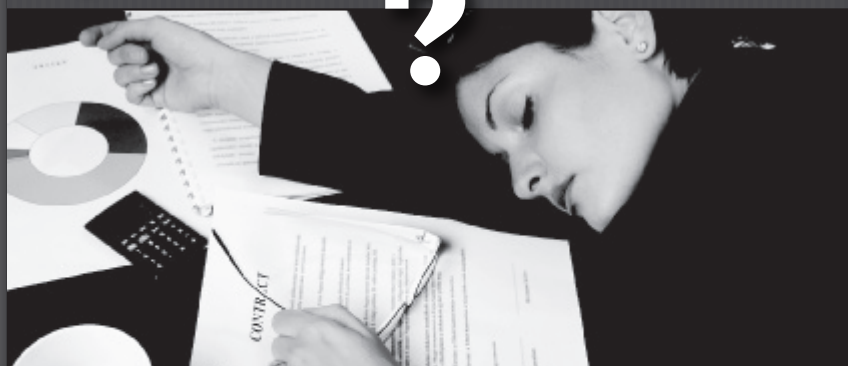
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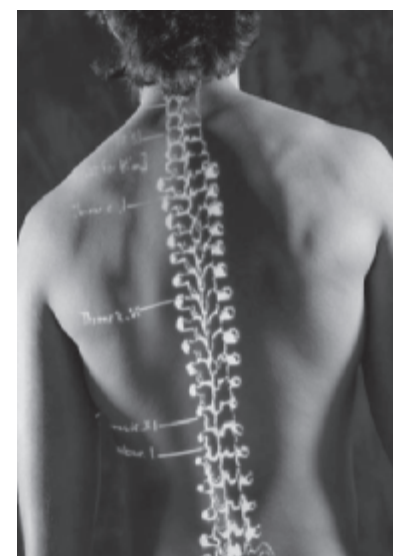
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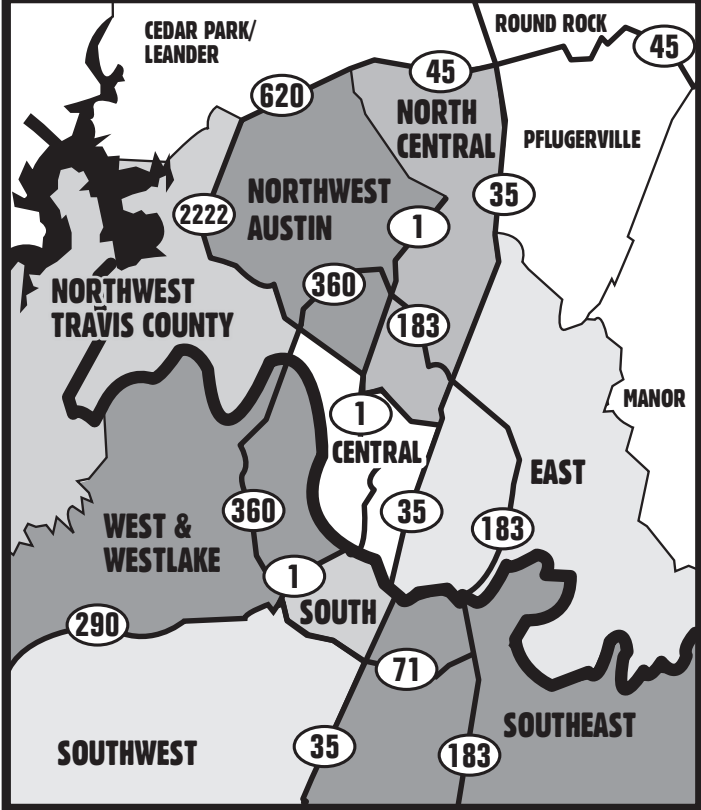
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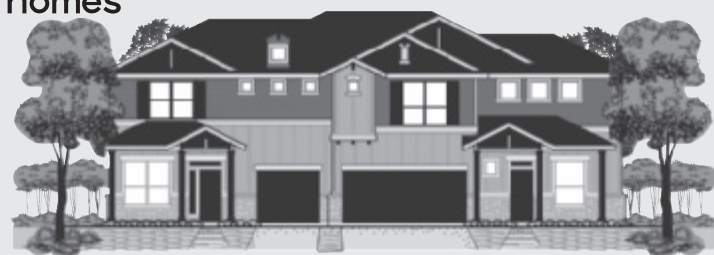
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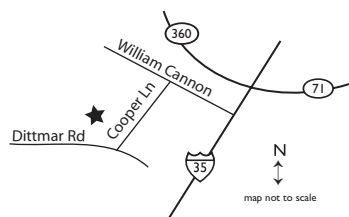
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LOST IPOD My 10 year old
daughter lost her pink ipod nano
yesterday (Sat. 5.3.08) on the
Lamar bike path between MLK
and 6th Street. It is in a pink gell
case and had pink earbuds. It
also has engraving on the back
that I can identify. Reward if
returned. email: carolyn_time@
yahoo.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

CAUSE NO. 88465 IN
THE ESTATE OF EDWARD
T. SASAKI, DECEASED IN
THE PROBATE COURT NO.
1 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO
CREDITORS Notice is
hereby given that Letters of
Testamentary for the Estate
of EDWARD T. SASAKI,
Deceased, were issued on
April 29, 2008 in Docket
Number 88465, in the
Probate Court No. 1, Travis
County, Texas to ROSANN
BATEMAN.

Claims may be presented in
care of the Executor of the
Estate addressed as follows:

The address of record for
ROSANN BATEMAN is 2000
Karen Ave, Austin, Texas
78757.

All persons having claims
against this Estate, which is
currently being administered,
are required to present them
within the time and in the
manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 7th day of May, 2008.

/s/ ROSANN BATEMAN,
Executor of the Estate of
EDWARD T. SASAKI,
Deceased

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO. D-1-FM-08-
002295 TO: JOSEPH A HEN-
DERSON and to all who it
may concern, Respondent(s);
GREETINGS: YOU HAVE
BEEN SUED. You may em-
ploy an attorney. If you or
your attorney do not file a
written answer with the clerk
who issued this citation by
10:00 A.M. on the Monday
next following the expiration
of twenty days after you were
served this citation and peti-
tion, a default judgment may
be taken against you.

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear and an-
swer before the Honorable
District Court, 261ST JUDI-
CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Tra-
vis County, Texas, at the
Courthouse of said County in
Austin, Texas, at or before 10
o'clock A.M. of the Monday
next after expiration of twenty
days from the date of service
of this citation, and there-
to answer the ORIGINAL PETITION FOR TERMINATION AND ADOPTION OF
STEPCHILD OF TIMOTHY
DERRAL HOWARD AND
JENNIFER CAROL HOWARD
Petitioner(s), filed in said
court on MAY 5, 2008,
against JOSEPH A. HEN-
DERSON Respondent(s), and
said suit being entitled "IN
THE INTEREST OF SYRIAH
CAROL HENDERSON, A
CHILD", the nature of said
suit is a request to terminate
the parent-child relationship
and for adoption.

The Name, Birth date, and
Place of Birth of said is as
follows: SYRIAH CAROL
HENDERSON
JULY 14, 2000
TULSA, OK

The Court has authority in
this suit to enter any judg-
ment or decree in the child's
interest which will be binding
on you, including the termi-
nation of the parent-child re-
lationship, the determination
of paternity, and the appoint-

ment of a conservator with
authority to consent to the
child's adoption.

Issued and given under my
hand and the seal of said
court at Austin, Texas, May
05, 2008.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-
MENDOZA

Travis County District Clerk
Travis County Courthouse
1000 Guadalupe,
P.O. Box 679003 (78767)
Austin, Texas 78701
By /s/ COLON JULIO, Deputy
REQUESTED BY:
CAROLYN L COLLINS
5750 BALCONES DR STE
207
AUSTIN, TX 78731
BUSINESS PHONE: (512)474-
4704

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO. D-1-FM-98-
011527 TO: KIRK R CLOVIS
and to all who it may con-
cern, Respondent(s); GREET-
INGS: YOU HAVE BEEN
SUED. You may employ an
attorney. If you or your at-
torney do not file a written
answer with the clerk who
issued this citation by 10:00
A.M. on the Monday next
following the expiration of twen-
ty days after you were served
this citation and petition, a
default judgment may be taken
against you.

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear and an-
swer before the Honorable
District Court, 126TH JUDI-
CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Tra-
vis County, Texas, at the
Courthouse of said County in
Austin, Texas, at or before 10
o'clock A.M. of the Monday
next after expiration of twenty
days from the date of service
of this citation, then and
there to answer the COUN-
TER-PETITION TO MODIFY
PARENT-CHILD RELATION-
SHIP AND PETITION TO TER-
MINATE PARENT-CHILD RE-
LATIONSHIP OF KENDRA

DIANNE CLOVIS Petitioner(s),
filed in said court on FEBRU-
ARY 3, 2007, against KIRK R.
CLOVIS Respondent(s), and
said suit being number D-1-
FM-98-011527 the docket of
said Court, and entitled "IN
THE INTEREST OF KENDAL
DANAE CLOVIS AND KIR-
STEN RICHELLE CLOVIS, MI-
NOR CHILDREN", the nature
of which suit is a request
COUNTER-PETITION TO
MODIFY PARENT-CHILD RE-
LATIONSHIP AND PETITION
TO TERMINATE PARENT-
CHILD RELATIONSHIP.

The Court has authority in
this suit to enter any judg-
ment or decree in the
CHILD's interest which will
be binding on you, including
the termination of the parent-
child relationship, the deter-
mination of paternity, and the
appointment of a conservator
with authority to consent to
the CHILD's adoption.

Issued and given under my
hand and the seal of said
court at Austin, Texas, May
12, 2008.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-
MENDOZA

Travis County District Clerk
Travis County Courthouse
1000 Guadalupe,
P.O. Box 679003 (78767)
Austin, Texas 78701
By /s/ SCOTT WOODWARD,
Deputy
REQUESTED BY:
CHRISTOPHER C MERRITT
919 CONGRESS AVE STE
450
AUSTIN, TX 78701
BUSINESS PHONE:
(512)320-8188
FAX: (512)478-1824

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF GLORIA
J. SHEETS, Deceased, No.
88247 in Probate Court Num-
ber One of Travis County,
Texas. EDWIN MANLEY AL-
LISON, JR and all the alleged
heir(s) at law in the above
numbered and entitled es-
tate, filed on the 25th day of
February, 2008, an Applica-
tion for Letters of Independ-
ent Administration & Deter-
mination of Heirship in the
said estate and request(s) that
the said Court determine who
are the heirs and only heirs of

the said GLORIA J SHEETS,
GREETINGS: YOU HAVE
BEEN SUED. You may em-
ploy an attorney. If you or
your attorney do not file a
written answer with the clerk
who issued this citation by
10:00 A.M. on the Monday
next following the expiration
of twenty days after you were
served this citation and peti-
tion, a default judgment may
be taken against you.

Said application will be heard
and acted on by said Court
at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
first Monday next after the
expiration of ten days from
date of publication of this ci-
tation, at the County Court-
house in Travis County, Tex-
as.

All persons interested in said
estate are hereby cited to ap-
pear before said Honorable
Court at said above men-
tioned time and place by fil-
ing a written answer contest-
ing such application should
they desire to do so.

If this citation is not served
within 90 days after date of
its issuance, it shall be re-
turned unserved.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
AND THE SEAL OF SAID
COURT at office in Travis
County, Texas, this 12th
day of May, 2008.
DANA DEBEAUVOIR
County Clerk,
Travis County, Texas
P.O. Box 149325,
Austin, Texas 78714
By Deputy: /s/ RoxAnne Torrez

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO. D-1-FM-07-
004140 TO: GINA MARIE
CESCHIN FOWLER and to all
who it may concern,
Respondent(s); GREETINGS:
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You
may employ an attorney. If
you or your attorney do not
file a written answer with the
clerk who issued this citation
by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday
next following the expiration
of twenty days after you were
served this citation and peti-
tion, a default judgment may
be taken against you.

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear and an-
swer before the Honorable
District Court, 250TH JUDI-
CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Tra-
vis County, Texas, at the
Courthouse of said County in
Austin, Texas, at or before 10
o'clock A.M. of the Monday
next after expiration of twenty
days from the date of service
of this citation, then and
there to answer the ORIGI-
NAL PETITION IN SUIT AF-
FECTING THE PARENT-
CHILD RELATIONSHIP OF
ADELENE LIMON CESCHIN,
ADRIANO CESCHIN
Petitioner(s), filed on said
court on AUGUST 13, 2007,
against GINA MARIE CES-
CHIN FOWLER Respondent(s),
and said suit being entitled
"IN THE INTEREST OF KOURTLYNN
CHANDLER CESCHIN A CHILD",
the nature of said suit is a re-
quest PATERNITY.

The Name, Birth date, and
Place of Birth of said is as
follows:

KOURTLYNN CHANDLER
CESCHIN
APRIL 22, 1994
AUSTIN, TX

The Court has authority in
this suit to enter any judg-
ment or decree in the child's
interest which will be binding
on you, including the termi-
nation of the parent-child re-
lationship, the determination
of paternity, and the appoint-
ment of a conservator with
authority to consent to the
child's adoption.

Issued and given under my
hand and the seal of said
court at Austin, Texas, May
06, 2008.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-
MENDOZA
Travis County District Clerk
Travis County Courthouse
1000 Guadalupe,
P.O. Box 679003 (78767)
Austin, Texas 78701
By /s/ ALEJANDRA MEDRA-
NO-CHAPA, Deputy
REQUESTED BY:
WILLIAM S RHEA
DUBOIS, BRYANT & CAMP-
BELL, L.L.P.
700 LAVACA STREET,
SUITE 1300
AUSTIN, TX 78701
BUSINESS PHONE: (512)457-
8000
FAX: (512)457-8008

CITY OF AUSTIN ANNUAL
ACTION PLAN, Fiscal Year
2008-09
NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC
COMMENT PERIOD AND
PUBLIC HEARINGS
The City of Austin Neighbor-
hood Housing and Commu-
nity Development Office an-

may concern. Respondent(s);
GREETINGS: YOU HAVE
BEEN SUED. You may em-
ploy an attorney. If you or
your attorney do not file a
written answer with the clerk
who issued this citation by
10:00 A.M. on the Monday
next following the expiration
of twenty days after you were
served this citation and peti-
tion, a default judgment may
be taken against you.

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear and an-
swer before the Honorable
District Court, 200TH JUDI-
CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Tra-
vis County, Texas, at the
Courthouse of said County in
Austin, Texas, at or before 10
o'clock A.M. of the Monday
next after expiration of twenty
days from the date of service
of this citation, then and
there to answer the PETITION
FOR DIVORCE AND TRAVIS
COUNTY STANDING ORDER
filed in said court on FEBRU-
ARY 13, 2008, and said suit
being number D-1-FM-08-
000800 on the docket of said
Court, and entitled "IN THE
MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE
OF ALVIN LAMONT PEN-
NICK AND JULIE YVETTE
PENNICK". The nature of said
suit is a request to DISSOLVE
the marriage of the parties,
appoint managing and pos-
sory conservators, and di-
vide the estate of the parties
in a manner that the court
deems just and right.

Issued and given under my
hand and the seal of said
court at Austin, Texas, May
07, 2008.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-
MENDOZA
Travis County District Clerk
Travis County Courthouse
1000 Guadalupe,
P.O. Box 679003 (78767)
Austin, Texas 78701
By /s/ AMBER BILLY, Deputy
REQUESTED BY:
ALVIN LAMONT PENNICK
7105 LUNAR DRIVE
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78745

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-07-
004495 TO: ANN TAYLOR
Defendant(s), in the hereina-
fter styled and numbered
cause: YOU (AND EACH OF
YOU) HAVE BEEN SUED. You
may employ an attorney. If
you or your attorney do not
file a written answer with the
clerk who issued this citation
by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday
next following the expiration
of 42 days from the date of
issuance hereof, that is to
say at or before 10 o'clock
A.M. of Monday the JUNE 23,
2008, and answer the PLAIN-
TIF'S FIRST AMENDED PE-
TITION of Plaintiff(s), filed in
the 98TH JUDICIAL DIS-
TRICT COURT of Travis
County, Texas, on JANUARY
10, 2008, a default judgment
may be taken against you.
Said suit being number D-1-
GN-07-004495, in which LIN-
DA HOLDER AND JON T.
HOLDER Plaintiff(s), and
ANN TAYLOR Defendant(s),
and the nature of which said
suit is as follows:
REGARDING AN AUTO COL-
LISION ON JANUARY 11,
2006 AT THE INTERSECTION
OF THE 200 BLOCK OF SAN
JACINTO BLVD., IN AUSTIN,
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS,
ALL OF WHICH MORE FULLY
APPEARS FROM PLAIN-
TIF'S PLAINTIFF'S FIRST
AMENDED PETITION ON
FILE IN THIS OFFICE, AND
WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE
MADE FOR ALL INTENTS
AND PURPOSES.

Issued and given under my
hand and the seal of said
court at Austin, Texas, May
07, 2008.
AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-
MENDOZA
Travis County District Clerk
Travis County Courthouse
1000 Guadalupe,
P.O. Box 679003 (78767)
Austin, Texas 78701
By /s/ ALEJANDRA MEDRA-
NO-CHAPA, Deputy
REQUESTED BY:
WILLIAM S RHEA
DUBOIS, BRYANT & CAMP-
BELL, L.L.P.
700 LAVACA STREET,
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CITY OF AUSTIN ANNUAL
ACTION PLAN, Fiscal Year
2008-09
NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC
COMMENT PERIOD AND
PUBLIC HEARINGS
The City of Austin Neighbor-
hood Housing and Commu-
nity Development Office an-

nounces the 30-day public
comment period and public
hearings on to receive citizen
comments to develop the
City's (1) Draft annual Action
Plan for Fiscal Year 2008-09,
related to allocation of the
U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
grant funds and (2) Commu-
nity Development Fiscal Year
2008-09 Program required by
Texas Local Government
Code Chapter 373, including
proposed funding allocations.
The City of Austin has pre-
pared a draft of its Action
Plan for fiscal year 2008-09.
This Plan describes commu-
nity needs, resources, and
priorities for the City's hous-
ing and community develop-
ment activities that are fund-
ed primarily with grants from
the U.S. Department of Hous-
ing and Urban Development
(HUD). The Action Plan is in-
tended to outline how best to
use limited public resources
to increase the supply of de-
cent, affordable, accessible
housing; revitalize economi-
cally distressed neighbor-
hoods; and expand econom-
ic opportunities. The Draft
Plan includes funding rec-
ommendations for fiscal year
2008-09. It reflects \$12 mil-
lion in HUD funds and ad-
ditional monies from General
Revenue Fund, local General
Obligation Bonds, and pro-
gram income. HUD funds are
provided through four grant
programs: Community De-
velopment Block Grant
(CDBG), HOME Investment
Partnerships (HOME), Em-
ergency Shelter Grant (ESG),
and Housing Opportunities
for Persons with AIDS
(HOPWA).

WRITTEN COMMENT PERI-
OD Development of the Draft
Action Plan fiscal year 2008-
09 involved participation by
citizens, including: public in-
put received by the Commu-
nity Development Commis-
sion and City Council; written
comments; meetings with
stakeholders and community
members involved in housing
and community development.
The process of public input
continues with the release of
the Draft Plan.

From June 2 to July 2, the
Draft Action Plan fiscal year
2008-09 may be viewed at:
1. Austin Central Public Li-
brary, 800 Guadalupe
(Central)
2. East Austin Neighborhood
Center, 211 Comal (East)
3. Housing Authority of the
City of Austin, 1124 S IH 35
(Housing Authority)
4. Rosewood-Zaragoza Neigh-
borhood Center, 2800 Web-
berville Road (East)
5. St. John's Neighborhood
Center, 7500 Blessing (North
East)
6. South Austin Neighborhood
Center, 2508 Durwood
(South)
7. Pleasant Hill Library
Branch, 211 East William
Cannon (South)
8. Austin Resource Center for
the Homeless, 500 East 7th
Street (Central)
9. AIDS Services of Austin,
7215 Cameron Road (North)
10. Neighborhood Housing
and Community Development
Department, 1000 East 11th
Street, Suite 200 (East)

The public is encouraged to
submit written comment,
including their name, address,
and phone number to:

Neighborhood Housing and
Community Development De-
partment

Attn: Planning
PO Box 1088

Austin, Texas 78767
All comments must be re-
ceived at the NHCD office by
4:45 p.m. on July 2.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
The City of Austin will have
two public hearings to re-
ceive citizen comments on
the Draft Action Plan fiscal
year 2008-09. All interested
parties are invited to attend
the hearings. The public
hearing will be held at:

• **Thursday, June 5, 2008 at**
6:00PM. Before the City
Council at City Hall, City
Council Chambers, 301 W.
Second St.

• **Thursday, June 26, 2008 at**
6:30 PM. Before the Commu-
nity Development Com-
mission, Boards and Com-
mission Room, 301 W.
Second St.

For more information con-
cerning the Draft Action Plan
and public hearings, NHCD
staff may be reached at 974-
3100 (voice) or 974-3102
(TDD) Monday through Friday
7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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PROTESTING HIGH PROPERTY TAXES: PERSUASIVE EVIDENCE

- What evidence can help me win my property tax protest?*
- Unhappy with your property taxes? This first step to protesting your property value for property taxes is to file a written protest before the deadline (generally May 31 or 30 days after the appraisal district mailed a notice of appraised value). Check out last week's column for more details on filing a written protest.
- Once the written protest is filed, the property owner will have the opportunity to go before the Appraisal Review Board. The ARB is a group of citizens appointed by the appraisal district's board of directors that is authorized to resolve disputes between taxpayers and the appraisal district. The ARB listens to evidence from both the property owner/taxpayer and the county's chief appraiser and ultimately determines whether the appraisal district has acted properly.
- Be organized, stick to relevant facts, and keep your presentation simple and straightforward during the ARB hearing. Always remember that the ARB must base its decisions on evidence. According to the Texas comptroller's office, the type of evidence the ARB may consider persuasive includes the following:
- Defects not mentioned in the district's survey (cracked foundation, inadequate plumbing, etc.). Take photos and/or get supporting statements from builders, contractors, or appraisers to support your position.
 - Incorrect measurements (lot size, square footage, etc.). Locate deed records, surveys, or blueprints, and take photos to prove the inaccuracy.
 - Comparison properties. Is there a big difference between the appraised value of your home and others like it in your area? If yes, legitimate comparison sales may demonstrate that your property was not treated equally.
 - Hired professionals. A property owner may want to consider hiring an independent appraiser and/or attorney if the amount in dispute is significant.
 - The ARB will provide at least 15 days' notice of the hearing date (most hearings are conducted between mid-May and late July). The taxpayer will also receive a copy of ARB procedures and "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities," which will explain the hearing process in more detail. Check out the detailed information published by the Texas comptroller's office (www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/remedy08) to learn more about protesting property taxes.

Please submit column suggestions, questions, and comments to thecommonlaw@austinchronicle.com. Submission of potential topics does not create an attorney-client relationship, and any information submitted is subject to being included in future columns.

live described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 18, Block G, Lago Vista, Section 1, Plat no. 8/85 as described in Volume 3927, Page 2259 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$19,299.94** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
BRUCE ELFANT,
CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
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I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the follow-

D-1-GV-07-000425
CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE
REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES
BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 98th District Court of Travis County, on the 18th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-07-000425, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independent School District, County Education District, Lago Vista Municipal Utilities District No. 1, State of Texas, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1, Travis County Farm to Market Road and Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Edith S. Arnold, if

alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Edith S. Arnold are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of **\$15,267.48** Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 98th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on January 17, 2008.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 454, Lago Vista County Club Estates, Section 3, Plat Number 41/28 as described in Volume 5392, Page 708 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas .

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$15,267.48** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
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D-1-GV-07-000780
CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE
REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 250TH District Court of Travis County, on the 17th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-07-000780, wherein Lake Travis Independent School District, County Education District, State of Texas, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 8, Travis County Farm to Market Road, Travis County Healthcare District and Village of Briarcliff are plaintiffs, and Robert Belt, Village of Briarcliff (In Rem Only), Travis County, Lake Travis Independent School District, Village of Briarcliff, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 8, County Education District (In Rem Only), Eugene M. Berman, Trustee (In Rem Only) and Valley Bank and Trust Company nka Dauphin Deposit Bank and Trust Company nka All-first Bank nka Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of **\$8,640.67** Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 250TH District Court of Travis County, Texas, on January 18, 2008.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 1181, Briarcliff, Inc., Section 13, Plat No. 49/18, Travis County, Texas and being more particularly described in document number 2006108550 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$8,640.67** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
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D-1-GV-07-000780
CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE
REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 261ST District Court of Travis County, on the 14th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-07-000780, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independent School District, County Education District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1, Travis County Hospital District nka Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Douglas Wade Rakas, Frank Leo Rakas, Sharon Williams and Del Valle Independent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 and Village of Creedmore (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of **\$5,272.84** Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 261ST District

Court of Travis County, Texas, on October 22, 2007.
I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 8153, Bar-K Ranches, Plat 8, Plat No. 58/71 as described in Volume 10564, Page 868 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$5,272.84** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.
Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
BRUCE ELFANT,
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D-1-GV-07-001052
CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE
REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 98th District Court of Travis County, on the 15th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-07-001052, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independent School District, County Education District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1, Travis County Hospital District nka Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Jimmy D. Bates, if alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Jimmy D. Bates are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of **\$5,311.47** Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 98th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on November 5, 2007.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 8149, Bar-K Ranches Plat 8, Plat No. 58/71 as described in Volume 10076, Page 780 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$5,311.47** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
BRUCE ELFANT,
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D-1-GV-07-001109
CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE
REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 345TH District Court of Travis County, on the 15th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-07-001109, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independent School District, County Education District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 and Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Charles J. Larue, if alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Charles J. Larue and Travis County, Lago Vista Independent School District, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1, City of Lago Vista and County Education District (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of **\$8,296.94** Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 345TH District Court of Travis County, Texas, on January 11, 2008.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 18, Block B, Lago Vista, Section 3, Phase 3, Plat Number 30/40 as described in Volume 6258, Page 2134 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$8,296.94** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
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D-1-GV-07-001564
CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE
REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 53rd District Court of Travis County, on the 15th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-07-001564, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1, Travis County Hospital District nka Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Sardar Ali, Shah Firze, Bank of Overton nka Nebraska State Bank nka Security First Bank (In Rem Only) and City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independent School District, Travis County and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of **\$9,032.00** Dollars, together with all costs of suit,

that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 53rd District Court of Travis County, Texas, on January 17, 2008.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 63C, Lago Vista Travis Plaza, Plat No. 39/50 as described in Volume 7238, Page 137 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$9,032.00** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
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GV-102433
CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE
REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 201st District Court of Travis County, on the 16th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-102433, wherein Lake Travis Independent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6 and Travis County Hospital District are plaintiffs, and Lilly Vivian Kreuz, if alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Lilly Vivian Kreuz are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of **\$4,181.88** Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 201st District Court of Travis County, Texas, on January 23, 2006.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

.036 of an acre out of the Rusk Transportation Co. Sur. 83, being a portion as described in Volume 2278, Page 490 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$4,181.88** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
BRUCE ELFANT,
CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
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GV-203074

CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 250th District Court of Travis County, on the 18th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-203074, wherein Travis County, Del Valle Independent School District, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 11 are plaintiffs, and Nora Lopez, City of Austin (In Rem Only), Travis County, Pflugerville Independent School District, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 (In Rem Only), Comptroller of Public Accounts (In Rem Only) and United States of America (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$12,982.39 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 250th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on January 6, 2004.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Billing Number 699535
6.6 acres out of the Santiago Del Valle Grant as described in document number 2000155047 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$12,982.39 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
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CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
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I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

GV-204008 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 261st District Court of Travis County, on the 15th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-204008, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independent School District, Travis County and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 are plaintiffs, and Michael J. Knizner and Cheryl L. Knizner are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$2,729.93 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 261st District Court of Travis County, Texas, on July 23, 2003.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City

of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 16232, Bar-K Ranches Plat 16, Plat No. 66/78, Travis County, Texas and being more particularly described in Volume 7111, Page 1710 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$2,729.93 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.

BRUCE ELFANT,
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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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GV-301268 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 201st District Court of Travis County, on the 15th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-301268, wherein City of Austin, Del Valle Independent School District, Travis County and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 11 are plaintiffs, and Glen Smith, Reagan Smith, City of Austin, Austin Independent School District, Travis County and Austin Community College (In Rem Only), Texas Employment Commission nka Texas Workforce Commission (In Rem Only) and Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) nka as Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$13,184.26 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 201st District Court of Travis County, Texas, on April 27, 2004.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

5 acres out of the Santiago Del Valle Grant as described in document number 2000061366 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$13,184.26 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.

BRUCE ELFANT,
CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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GV-302924 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 353rd District Court of Travis County, on the 17th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-302924, wherein Austin Independent School District, Austin Community College, City of Austin, Travis County are plaintiffs, and Lee Reed, if alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Lee Reed, Galie Q. Reed, if alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Galie Q. Reed and State and County Mutual Fire Insurance (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$22,076.01 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 353rd District Court of Travis County, Texas, on May 19, 2004.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 21, Block C, Oak Lawn, Section 2, Plat No. 13/34 as described in Volume 2887, Page 217 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$22,076.01 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.

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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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GV-500415 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 200th District Court of Travis County, on the 18th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-500415, wherein Austin Community College, City of Austin, Travis County, Travis County Healthcare District and Manor Independent School District are plaintiffs, and Anselmo Zapata, if alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Anselmo Zapata, Mary Lou Gallegos Perez, Rudy Gallegos, Arturo Gallegos, David Gallegos, Angie Gallegos Belmontes, Ernest Gallegos, Martha (Marta) Gallegos, City of Austin (In Rem Only), Ford Motor Credit Company (In Rem Only), Master Finance Company (In Rem Only), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (In Rem Only) and Austin Community College, Austin Independent School District, City of Austin, Travis County and Travis County Hospital District (In

Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$25,852.11 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 200th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on January 31, 2008.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 1, Crumley, Ramsey and Pryor Addition, Plat No. 63/13 as described in Volume 6021, Page 281, Probate Cause No. 74470 and Probate Cause No. 85649 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$25,852.11 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.

BRUCE ELFANT,
CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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GV-502090 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 126th District Court of Travis County, on the 15th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-502090, wherein Austin Community College, Austin Independent School District, City of Austin, Travis County, Travis County Hospital District nka Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Mary Melgar, Pete Melgar (In Rem Only), RepublicBank Austin nka First RepublicBank Austin, N.A., nka Nations Bank of Texas, N.A. nka Bank of America, N.A. (In Rem Only), Rosalynne Fowler (In Rem Only), HHCC, Inc. (In Rem Only) and Austin Independent School District, Austin Community College, City of Austin and Travis County (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$17,358.51 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 126th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on June 8, 2007.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 27, Block D, Flournoy's Sweetheart, Section V, Plat No. 7/92, Travis County, Texas and being more particularly described in Volume 6287, Page 176; Cause No. GV300207; and document number 2005182121 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$17,358.51 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.

BRUCE ELFANT,
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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
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GV-502435 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 53rd District Court of Travis County, on the 17th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-502435, wherein Austin Community College, Austin Independent School District, City of Austin, Travis County and Travis County Hospital District are plaintiffs, and Pete Valdez, IV, Capital Mortgage Bankers, Inc. nka Temple-Inland Mortgage Corporation nka Guaranty Residential Lending, Inc. nka The Homestead Mortgage Company (In Rem Only), James L. Lloyd (In Rem Only) and Temple Savings Association nka Centennial Savings Association nka First Texas Savings Association nka First Nationalwide Bank, FSB nka California Federal Bank nka Citibank (West), FSB (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$19,602.62 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 53rd District Court of Travis County, Texas, on August 29, 2006.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 25, Block 6, Las Cimas, Section 2, Plat No. 73/24 as described in Volume 6741, Page 674 and Cause No. 9508331 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$19,602.62 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.

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I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

GV-504017 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 98th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on August 29, 2006.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 3, Block 15, Chemosky Subdivision, Number 17, Plat No. 5/130, described in Volume 9782, Page 13 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$1,616.40 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.

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GV-504255 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 353rd District Court of Travis County, on the 17th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-504255, wherein Austin Community College, Austin Independent School District, City of Austin, Travis County and Travis County Hospital District are plaintiffs, and Jimmy Johnson, Mary Ann Johnson, Centex Home Equity Company, LLC (In Rem Only), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (In Rem Only), Texas Employment Commission nka Texas Workforce Commission (In Rem Only) and Austin Community College, Austin Independent School District, City of Austin, Travis County Emergency Services District (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$21,482.64 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 353rd District Court of Travis County, Texas, on December 1, 2006.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

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by Tom and Ray Magliozzi

THIS KID IS WISE BEYOND HIS YEARS

Dear Tom and Ray:
My name is Daniel. I drive a 2005 Escalade (OK, it's a toy car). I am 7 years old. Here is my question: Why do the speedometers in cars go up to 120 mph, when you are only allowed to go 65 mph?
— Daniel

RAY: Great question, Daniel. To answer it, we have to give you a lesson in advertising.

TOM: A lot of advertising is done by implication. That means advertisers may not be able to actually say something, because it isn't true. But they can suggest it.

RAY: A carmaker may not be able to say that a car goes 120 miles per hour, because it doesn't. But it can put a speedometer in the car that goes up to 120 miles per hour. That implies that the car can go that fast.

TOM: And that's supposed to make you say: "Wow, this car can go 120 mph. It must be good!"

RAY: But smart people — like you, Daniel — will say to yourself: "I live in civilization. Where could I ever drive 120 mph? I can't! So, why do I need a car that can go that fast?" Then you'll look past the advertising to things that really matter — like whether it's well-built, gets good gas mileage, is the right size for you, and is safe.

TOM: To give you another example of implied advertising, take a look at the box that your morning breakfast cereal comes in. What's on the box? An athlete?

RAY: The implied message is, "If you eat this cereal, you'll be able to play baseball or football just like this athlete." Of course that's not true, because you'll be too fat from eating candy disguised as breakfast cereal every morning. So they don't say it; they just imply it.

TOM: So, you're a very wise young man to notice that, Daniel. And if you want to learn more about tricks like these, send me \$25, and I'll send you our pamphlet, which will instantly make you as smart as two guys who write a car column in the newspaper.

RAY: That was a test, Daniel. 1) There is no such pamphlet, and 2) you're already smarter than we are.

Stop the madness! You can stop driving like a knucklehead, and you'll help your car in the process. Learn how your driving habits can harm your car in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, PO Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$21,482.64** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
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**GV-504800
CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE
REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES**

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order of Sale issued by the clerk of the 200th District Court of Travis County, on the 18th day of April, 2008 in a certain cause numbered GV-504800, wherein Lake Travis Independent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6, Travis County Healthcare District and Water Control Improvement District No. 17 are plaintiffs, and Keith Myers and Barbara Myers, if alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Keith Myers and Barbara Myers are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of **\$3,270.69** Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 200th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on January 31, 2008.

I, on the 23rd day of April, 2008, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 25, Block 9, Mountain View Subdivision, Plat No. 4/243 as described in Volume 5257, Page 1294 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$3,270.69** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 2008.
BRUCE ELFANT,
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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BY /s/ Joe Rosser DEPUTY
ON THE PROPERTY SOLD,

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NOTICE OF NEW TRAFFIC REGULATION Notice is hereby given that Travis County, Texas, proposes the approval of the following traffic regulation: **SET MAXIMUM PRIMA FAACE SPEED LIMITS ON MCNEIL ROUND ROCK ROAD AKA MCNEIL ROAD IN PRECINCT TWO.**

Any resident of Travis County, Texas, aggrieved by this proposal action may make written request for a mandatory public hearing. Such request must be addressed to the Transportation and Natural Resources Department, Travis County, Texas, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas, 78767, and must be received within seven (7) days of this notice.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DONN LESLIE DURIQ, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that the original letters testamentary for the estate of Donn Leslie Durio, deceased, were issued on April 4, 2008, in Cause No. 85839, which is being administered in Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to Danae Durio Diana as independent executor. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law in care of the independent executor's attorney at the following address: D'Ana H. Mikeska, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 600 Congress Avenue, Suite 2100, Austin, Texas 78701.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CLARA VIRGINIA BROADHURST, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that in Cause No. 88446, styled Estate of Clara Virginia Broadhurst, Deceased, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, original letters testamentary were issued on April 15, 2008, to Timothy A. Broadhurst.

Claims may be presented and addressed to the personal representative of the estate in care of his attorneys at the following address: c/o Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody
A Professional Corporation
Attn: Julie Frey
P.O. Box 98
401 Congress, Suite 2200
Austin, Texas 78767-0098
All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 6th day of May, 2008.

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A Professional Corporation
P.O. Box 98
401 Congress, Suite 2200
Austin, Texas 78767-0098
512.480.5776 Telephone
512.480.5876 Fax
By: /s/ Julie Frey
State Bar ID No.: 00792283
ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NANCY JANE FLANAKIN, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Nancy Jane Flanakin, Deceased, were granted on the 6th day of May, 2008, pending in Cause No. 88383 in the Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas, to: Duggan E. Flanakin, Independent Administrator
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Independent Administrator of the Estate addressed as follows: Duggan E. Flanakin
Independent Administrator,

Estate of Nancy Jane Flanakin, Deceased, c/o CLARK, THOMAS & WINTERS, A Professional Corporation,
Attn: Erin N. Tuggle
P.O. Box 1148,
Austin, Texas 78767.
All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED this 8th day of May, 2008.
Duggan E. Flanakin, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Nancy Jane Flanakin, Deceased
By: /s/ Erin N. Tuggle
P.O. Box 1148
Austin, Texas 78767
(512)472-8800
FAX: (512)474-1129
Attorneys for the Independent Administrator

NOTICE TO CREDITORS On May 12, 2008, Alice Rivera, a/k/a Alicia Rivera, was issued letters of independent administration with will annexed for the Estate of Pedro M. Perez, a/k/a Pete Perez, Deceased, in Cause No. 83575, pending in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas. The address of the independent administrator is c/o Hopper & Associates, PC, 400 W. 15th St., Suite 408, Austin, Texas 78701, and all persons having claims against this estate are required to present them to such address in the manner and time required by law.

Alice Rivera, a/k/a Alicia Rivera, Independent Administrator with Will Annexed of the Estate of Pedro M. Perez, a/k/a Pete Perez, Deceased
By: Tricia Gray, Attorney for the Independent Administrator with Will Annexed

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were issued to Remijio Marquez on April 22, 2008, in Cause No. 88339, styled The Estate of Beatrice Marquez Vargas, Deceased, pending in Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas. The address to which claims may be presented is 9302 Farm Road 1854, Dale, Texas 78616. All claims should be addressed in care of Remijio Marquez as Independent Executor of the Estate of Beatrice Marquez Vargas, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dorothy Claudene Marcum, Deceased, were issued on April 1, 2008, under Docket No. 88320, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to: Marla Jo Moats Schmid, Independent Executor.
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Representative, Estate of Dorothy Claudene Marcum, Deceased
c/o Roy A. Pollack, Esq.
503 West 14th Street
Austin, TX 78701
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.
Dated this 13th day of May, 2008.
By /s/ Roy A Pollack, Attorney for Applicant

NOTICE TO CREDITORS On May 7, 2008, Patrick Abbott qualified as Dependent Administrator of the Estate of Lance P. Abbott, Deceased, in Cause No. 88,314 pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas. The address of the Dependent Administrator is c/o Donald F. Carnes, 400 W. 15th, Suite 808, Austin, Texas, 78701, and all persons having claims against this estate are required to present them to such address in the manner and time required by law.

Patrick Abbott, Dependent Administrator of the Estate of Lance P. Abbott

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration of the Estate of Frank M. Garza, a/k/a Frank M. Garza, Sr., Deceased, were issued on May 8, 2008 in Cause No. 88,543, pending in Travis County Probate Court Number One, Travis County, Texas to Frank Garza, Jr., Independent Executor. All persons having claims against said Estate are required to present them to Richard Thormann, Attorney at Law, 805 West 10th Street, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78701 within the time prescribed by law.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sara Jean Ross Thoeane, Deceased, were issued on May 8, 2008, in Cause No. 88548, pending in the Probate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas, to: Robert Ross Thoeane, Jr.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Steve Hollahan
Attorney at Law
13 Treemont Drive
Austin, Texas 78746
DATED the 16th day of May, 2008.
/s/ Steve Hollahan
Attorney for Robert Ross Thoeane, Jr.
State Bar No.: 09838000
13 Treemont Drive
Austin, Texas 78746
Telephone: (512)330-0087
Facsimile: (512)330-0460

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF STANLEY EUGENE STUMPH, SR., DECEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of STANLEY EUGENE STUMPH, SR., Deceased, were issued on April 29, 2008, in Docket No. 88,475, pending in the Probate Court #1 of Travis County, Texas, to Sherrie Lynn Tamayo, Independent Executor.
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the independent executor, addressed as follows:

Sherrie Lynn Tamayo, Independent Executor for the Estate of Stanley Eugene Stumph, Sr., Deceased
c/o Mr. Roy O. Smithers
LAW OFFICE OF ROY O. SMITHERS, P.C.
3900 Manchaca Road
Austin, Texas 78704-6736
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to Roy O. Smithers, Attorney for the Independent Executor, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 8th day of May, 2008.
LAW OFFICE OF ROY O. SMITHERS, P.C.
By: /s/ Roy O. Smithers, Attorney for Independent Executor

**OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE TO BIDDERS
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS**
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by Travis County for the following items:

1.Safety Supplies & Equipment, B080192-NB
Opens: May 27, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.
Bids should be submitted to: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent, Ned Granger Building, 314 West 11th, Room 400, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767. Specifications can be obtained from or viewed at the Travis County Purchasing Office at no charge or by downloading a copy from our web-

site: www.co.travis.tx.us/purchasing/solicitation.asp. Bidders should use unit pricing or lump sum pricing, if appropriate. Payments may be made by check. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond in the amount of One Hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded, if applicable.

**OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE TO PROPOSERS
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS**
Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be accepted by Travis County for the following items:

1.Administration & Investment Services- Travis County (TX) 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, RFS S0802100J
Opens: June 9, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m.
Proposals should be submitted to: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent, Ned Granger Building, 314 West 11th, Room 400, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767. Proposal Documents can be obtained from or viewed at the Travis County Purchasing Office at no charge or by downloading a copy from our website: www.co.travis.tx.us/purchasing/solicitation.asp. Proposers should use unit pricing or lump sum pricing, if appropriate. Payment may be made by check. The successful proponent shall be required to furnish a Payment Bond and a Performance Bond in the amount of One Hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded, if applicable.

**OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE TO ENGINEERS
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS**
Notice is hereby given that qualification statements will be accepted by Travis County for the following items:

1.Professional Architectural/Engineering/ndscape Architect Services for Sidewalk Repair/Reconstruction Consultant Services in Precinct 2, RFQ Q080209LP
Opens: June 5, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m.
AN OPTIONAL PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON MAY 28, 2008 @ 10:00 A.M.
Qualifications statements should be submitted to: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent, Ned Granger Building, 314 West 11th, Room 400, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767. Specifications can be obtained from or viewed at the Travis County Purchasing Office at no charge or by downloading a copy from our website: www.co.travis.tx.us/purchasing/solicitation.asp.

Original application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT WITH A CATERER'S PERMIT AND BEVERAGE CARTAGE PERMIT by SG Falcon Services, L.L.C., a Texas Limited Liability Corporation d/b/a Falconhead Golf Club, located at 15201 Falconhead Blvd, Austin, Travis County, Texas, 78738. Sole Manager of said corporation is John William Gavenor.



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If you have a decent vocabulary, a dry sense of humor, and an I.Q. in the triple digits, in addition to a dominating flair in the bedroom then write me. **Bella34**, 34,  [#126130](#)


BBW LOOKING

28 yo. single BBW looking for a friend with benefits to satisfy her every aching need. Must not currently be in a relationship, DDF, safe sex only, into pleasing women. **quaddkitty**, 28, [#126058](#)


HORNY, SWEET, SEXKITTEN

I'm feeling naughty and would love to meet an equally naughty man or couple for drinks and a flirtatiously fun time. If passion strikes, then let's get down and dirty. **Tamagagirl**, 35, [#126056](#)


SLIP'N'SLIDE

Wet, multiorgasmic girl looking for NSA fun with a guy, girl, or couple. I'll throw in some female ejaculation to sweeten the deal. No married men alone, please. All other comers welcome. **waterfall**, 40,  [#125844](#)


BAD KITT

I want satisfaction...a reason to purr. I want someone to push my buttons and my limits. I enjoy light bondage, costumes, high heels, and hate to be bored. Photos after contact. **Kit-tyCassie**, 28,  [#125358](#)


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sexy, spicy, luscious, tempting tantalizing tarnishing bliss 24/7 but mostly all night long. **bubble3bear**, 24,  [#125109](#)


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SWPF/50/het seeks SWPM interested in long-term 50s style relationship. Me: sub/bottom in the bedroom, professional career person by day. You: 45-55. Must have integrity, honesty, responsibility, nurturing, patience, dominant personality. **poetess**, 50,  [#125102](#)


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Looking for a "friend" not just a hook-up. Someone who is outgoing, an outdoor lover, intelligent and maybe a bit of a nerd. **rockett2222**, 34,  [#124473](#)


REWARDING DOM

Looking for a consistant submissive, not a one time experience. Would like to meet them before anything sexual obviously. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me. **TomorrowsWorse**, 23,  [#123509](#)

WILDERNESSGIRL SEEKS TRANS/CROSS

Big Titty, blue eyes, pretty nice looks. Wilderness girl is back in town seeking fun with cross dresser, transexual, and into role playing. An accent is a plus and turnon. **pleime**, 42, [#122521](#)


IT'S PLAYTIME BOYS

I'm looking for a man that's sweet and caring but i get bored easily so he needs to be full of surprises so that i never get bored. **austinparygurl1985**, 22,  [#119045](#)



AUDACIOUS BEAUTY+ BRAIN

i see beauty beyond the orthodox vision of american eyes and seek someone with a strong sense of identity and awareness of the world willing to explore sensuality and sexuality. **SymposiumLover**, 21, [#119431](#)


ANY WILD GIRLS?

We have been together for five years and are very happy Im 22 he's 25 and Im really looking for a woman to show him how girls do it better. **Young-Love2**, 22,  [#126101](#)


COUPLE LOOKING4 MAN

My man is straight but perverse and wants a man for oral exchange. Normal, professional, but hot couple wants some fun. I am happy to please two men. **Shining**, 35,   [#126064](#)


COUPLE SEEK WOMAN

we're looking for females only for a fmf. email us if you want to play! dinner, then a private place. woman on wife, then husband would jump in and help! **dc_angel21**, 22,  [#125959](#)


YOU AND US

Looking for a female to have a little casual fun w/ us. I'm bicurious, willing 2 learn and c what a girl has 2 offer. **annie21**, 21,  [#125950](#)


HORNY COUPLE

M and W couple looking for another woman to come in and play with us. **luckysaint**, 22,  [#125839](#)


SEXUAL PREDATORS

Him-5'11, slim build, tattoos, piercings, very sexually open minded and up to anything. Her-5'3, full figured, tattoos, curious and open to what comes up. **sexualpredators**, 33,  [#125831](#)


YOUNG LONELY DISSAPPOINTED

I love to play. I have no one to play with will you play with me? **roseinwinter**, 19,  [#125740](#)


TRY EVERYTHING ONCE....

We wanna play! We are not swingers, I do not want another man. I love women and getting them off, he likes to watch. Interested? **Jewels**, 34,  [#125643](#)

COUPLE SEEK GIRL

oh, where do we start this ad? we want a real girl, bi-sexual. a girl that is looking for a couple. 35-55 years old we are 40's, we are cute. **saustin-couple**, 44,  [#125567](#)


CURIOUS COUPLE

Couple (female: 18, male: 22) seeking a female ages 18-22 to play with the female as male watches.... We just want to try something new and spontaneous. **youngandwilling**, 18,  [#125455](#)


NERDY SWEET COUPLE

We are looking for a woman or a man to play with us. We are shy, but adventurous and open to anything once we get to know you. **TrixieGirl**, 38,  [#125322](#)


SEARCHING FOR PLAYMATE

Couple seeking (clean) female for friendship/play. Must get to know first. Bisexual experience a plus. Interested in threesome and girlongirl. Want to find someone we can comfortably be around. **WakingLifeHunt**, 23,  [#125198](#)


SWEET & INNOCENT.....

Attractive, easy-going couple, looking for someone to be our Pornstar! Meaning a down a*% girl up for whatever comes her way! Look forward to good times! **mjo8a**, 27,  [#125133](#)


LIGHT IS ON

We never preveracate. She's 34 and lovely. I'm 55 and not so lovely. A W/H women would have a fun time with us. We'd respect your space and boundaries. **aphroditecronus**, 34,  [#125033](#)

FIRST TIME COUPLE

We are a couple in love but wanting to expand our sexual pleasures. this would be our first time but we are very open minded. Couples or females only. **080764**, 43,  [#124403](#)


CRAZY ASS COUPLE

Married couple 37 female, 41 male, looking for single(s) or couple(s) that are not new to group sex. No Strings, no games, just harmless fun! **ginger**, 37,  [#124266](#)


FEMALE WANTED

Looking for a sexy woman or couple to join us. Must be ddf. **Curiouscpl**, 28,  [#123082](#)


BIBBW SEEKS QUEEN

Looking: friend, lover and more. I want a best friend to shop with, do girly things, then spoil you in private. Big Beautiful Woman only, please. My queen! **Bi-WomanBBW**, 31,  [#119088](#)


GIRL TO KISS

I'm looking for a pretty girl to kiss, and help me make a fantasy come true for my husband. He wants a kissing video of me and another woman. **angiezz**, 46,  [#125645](#)



ENTIRELY TOO CURIOUS

I'm relatively adventurous, but looking to try things I haven't yet; shy but not.. teach me something about me i didn't know. I'm an excellent student. **Slinx**, 19,  [#124957](#)



HELP!!!!!!

We would like to add another woman to our love making, someone who is experienced would be great! Women on women would be ok as long as he can watch....interested? **GiGi69**, 40,  [#125791](#)


SEEKING SWITCH PARTNER

You-looking for fun above all with no pre-conceived expectations. US: Average people looking for an above average fun ;) Prefer bi-sf, couples ok. Inexperienced welcomed. Honesty refreshing. **Bifemaustincpl**, 32,   [#121712](#)


FOOT/WS SLAVE

Seeking straight or bi masculine, slim buddies who love to be spoiled with foot massages. If your interested in either foot massages, write me. **Male-FootSearch**, 47,   [#123872](#)


HOTGUY LOOKING FOR

Hispanic Bottom, looking for a discreet encounter and a relationship with a Top guy. I am discreet Open to new things with guys around my age or younger. 46yrs. **antonio_3638**, 43,  [#118402](#)


HOT, CLOSET CD

looking for a good looking, 30 to 40's y.o. woman who would like to dominate me sexually, be (snuggle after sex!) friends. i'm reasonably intelligent, sensitive, artistic person. **shelley**, 55,  [#124543](#)


YOUR PERFECT GURL

Adventure loving, happy go lucky GURL seeks mentor for sharing, caring, exploring, intimate fun. You will not be disappointed with a pleasure oriented devotee looking for like minded girlfriend. **Lynda61521**, 48,  [#119822](#)


CROSSDRESSER ISO GIRLFRIEND

I am a very passable and kinky crossdresser. I am bisexual, but prefer women. I'm primarily looking for a girlfriend, but occasional play partners and friendships are good, too. **kinky_violet**, 26,  [#120083](#)


SEXY TS

iim a very sexy, very hot passable transexual. iim 5i10i 145 pounds with sexy hormonally induced breasts. iim very classy, too, and dress very provocatively. iim 28 years old. **nicole_anais**, 31,  [#115140](#)


WHY NOT??

I'm new to the online dating scene, I just thought I would try something new.. I would like to try new things and hope that this site will help me. **dery183**, 24,  [#126157](#)


EASY GOING GUY

I am a normal guy who is looking for new friends to explore and have fun with. I am easy going, respectful, very clean and std free. **ichyhot69**, 39,  [#126150](#)


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Just out of a sexually uninspiring relationship. looking for real chemistry: passionate, spontaneous, weird, painful or just fun. Skilled, eager to please, up for almost anything! **Walter**, 28,  [#126128](#)


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
READY TO ROPE

Very skilled dominant rope "Top" heading to Shibaricon (Google it) in a couple of weeks. I'm looking to practice with physically and mentally flexible women. **MisterWriteNow**, 41,  [#126105](#)


MILFS RULE!

I want to meet one and only one special MILF for a casual but ongoing relationship. Let me unleash the bad girl in you. Hubby can watch us in action. **multiorgasmic**, 52,  [#125124](#)

TEA

I broke up and I'm just looking for a good time. I don't care how old you are, what you look like, what shape your body is in. **bacon4scavengers**, 22,  [#126098](#)

JUST FOR FUN

I have a very high sex drive that has gone unsatisfied for some time now. Do you want to be the one that unleashes this animal inside me? **bubs351978**, 30,  [#126090](#)

Bella34

INTELLECTUAL SUBMISSIVE

I love a good martini, stimulating conversation, and a man who isn't scared of me. I need someone dominating, gentle, and confident. A dry sense of humor is a must. I can be sweet and polite, a total bitch, liberal, conservative, shy, outspoken, callous and insecure. But I still need a Daddy.

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There must be something like 5K road races in Austin every year. Seriously. Anyone with a working ink-jet printer and a box of safety pins seems to host some value of K. There are even kids' Ks and dog Ks – which might lead you to ask: What the hell's up with all the Ks, yo? It's simple: "K" is short for "kilometer," and runners don't have the time or breath to pronounce huge, multisyllabic words like "kilometer," much less spell them out. Here's an example: Let's say you're a runner, and you're blowing past some panting, purple-faced quitter who blurts out, "How far is it to the next first aid station?" You could stop and attempt to render assistance but that would shave precious seconds off your finish time, and you would be mortified to come in any lower than 6,543rd place, so instead you simply bark, "2K." Problem solved – well, that one at least, but there's also the larger problem of so many people exercising ... and even worse ... talking about exercising. Sure, exercise is a common thread in the modern human experience but so is breathing and taking a shit, either of which are infinitely more fascinating than hearing some hard-bodied half-wit drone on endlessly about her workout. What happened to the simpler times when exercising was more like masturbation – something to be done privately and in shame? Shame because back in the day a real job demanded a Herculean amount of effort – the kind of backbreaking toil that kept you from flabbing up like a sissy. If you happened to be one of those unfortunate bean counters with an embarrassingly cushy desk job, you spent your weekends doing something productive like chopping wood or digging potholes. Exercising for the sake of fitness alone was the type of limp-wristed bourgeois narcissism best left to Europeans and ancient Greeks. Sure, people still worked out, some even shamelessly and in public, but it wasn't something you talked about outside of a confession booth. And really, admitting to anyone that you're trying to sculpt your glutes should be worth at least 10 Hail Marys and a dozen Lord's Prayers, minimum. No, there's nothing inherently sinful about the sporting life - if Jesus were alive today, he would probably be on the pro-barefoot skiing circuit – but there's nothing particularly virtuous about it either. Would the Lord rather see you run a marathon or spend the same energy framing houses with Habitat for Humanity? Admit it, running is a hugely narcissistic endeavor anyway, isn't it? Unless you're carrying an important message to your field commander or just shoplifted some food for your starving family, running is all about you. There's nothing wrong with that of course, but if you feel the urge to share the experience at a cocktail party, stifle it. That's what blogs are for. Besides, talking about your workout is sort of like patting yourself on the ass for your self indulgence. Every once in a while it wouldn't kill you to pat someone else on the ass (unless it's verboten in the employee handbook), would it? Well here's your chance: This Wednesday, May 21, from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Carver Museum, Liveable City will be hosting their annual Livable Vision Awards Party, which recognizes the contributions of local businesses and organizations in making Austin a more livable community (i.e., and even better place to host a few K more Ks). You've always wanted to check out the Carver Museum anyway, haven't you? It's right off the bus line, but if you live in Central Austin, it's only a few K away, so you might as well jog.


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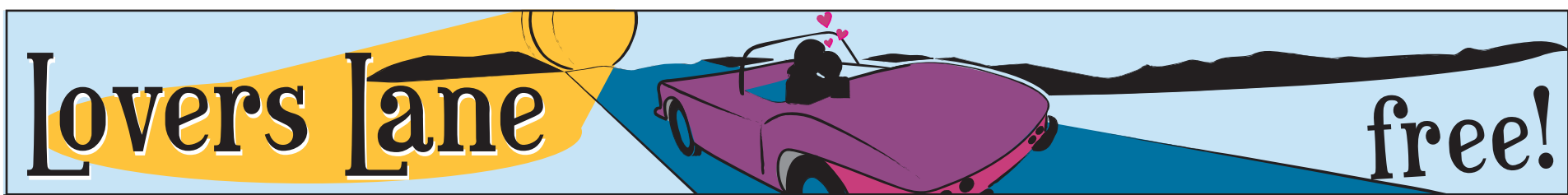
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FEEL TO REEL
I'm just a funny chick who loves I'm just looking for someone who can enjoy a conversation without saying a single word. Someone who enjoys making sense out of nothing. **Szonic**, 29, **#126155**

CRAZYSEXYCOOL
I'm just a funny chick who loves movies and chilling out at an outdoor venue listening to live music...or milling around at a festival...or watching movies... **jkgroves**, 32, **#126145**

TRAVELER&MUSIC LOVER
Single 420 smokin' hippie chick. Love traveling, seeing live music & the outdoors. Never married, no kids.. Self employed. Seeking soulmate to travel, go to festivals and enjoy life together! **420staci**, 27, **#126142**

AGGIE IN AUSTIN
Tall energetic outgoing blonde looking for a fun summer romance to potentially lead to long term. **Saphiartigerbabe**, 19, **#126126**

JUST TRYING THIS.
NO players. I'm here to meet true people and have meaningful, mature, real-life relationships, and want a long term relationship with the right guy. Has no qualms with my vegetarianism. **ldr19**, 31, **#126063**

JUST LOOKING AROUND
I am a strong independent female who has never done "this" before. **ash123**, 37, **#126049**

SECOND HEARTBEAT
Music is my passion.I'm open to most genres but seem to lean towards Rock more.I love to just chill watch movies and hangout.I love concerts too. **ILRM86**, 22, **#126038**

RENAISSANCE WOMAN
Fun-loving Austin girl seeks a man who wants to experience live music and all that Austin has to offer. **renaissance-woman**, 28, **#126023**

CONSISTENTLY INCONSISTENT
I'm pretty healthy both physically and emotionally. I'm just looking for someone to do fun stuff with...like go to shows, movies, the greenbelt, etc. You up for it? **novice**, 35, **#121826**

HOT, LOVEABLE SMARTASS
Funloving, shit-talking, dancing, and being outside are all hobbies of mine. I love a good debate...passion is hot. Smart girl, can hold my own. Try me, you'll love me. **kelly525**, 23, **#125969**

SAVE THE PLANET
a unified planet is inevitable. we can all be destroyed through fear, or unified through love. recruiting as many true loves as i can manage. join my army of love. **gyppscowboy**, 24, **#125966**

MAKE ME SMILE?
Just a sugar sweet girl from Austin with nothing to lose, who happens to be a bit too busy and very burnt out on meeting people in bars. **awondering-girl**, 29, **#125964**

LOOKING FOR PARTNER
I am a single, independent woman who owns her home and is looking for a partner. Interested in finding a best friend and lover. Looking for you. **hope-ful_me**, 35, **#125957**

I WAS WONDERING...
is ice cream better in the dark? **k_now**, 33, **#125705**

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HAPPY NATURE GIRL
I'm a nature girl living in San Marcos. I make it out and about in Austin several times a week, &i enjoy live music, art, fine dining. Lets do something. **Green-GirlJenny**, 27, **#125949**

RENEWED OPTIMISM
Generally low maintenance and positive. Love to be spontaneous and have fun, but balance that side with seriousness as needed. I relocated back here recently and thrilled to be back. **tamaga**, 35, **#125930**

I'M A PEPPER
I'm a little quirky and definitely nerdy. I love to laugh. Music makes it happen. A book, frisbee, beer, the park and me and my guy is the perfect day. **bearhugs**, 24, **#125885**

MEOW!
looking for someone artistic and goofy. I like neighborhood dive bars with good music, and weird striking features like, big noses, lazy eyes, gaps-in-teeth etc. oh also robots and cats. **meowrobot**, 25, **#125880**

...DREAMER
I seek success, and I am constantly trying to improve myself. I am passionate about my work. I am looking for a like-minded soul, someone witty and fun. **km**, 32, **#125864**

THE NICE ONE,AHAHAH
I consider myself an open-minded person, but my deal breakers are liars and cheaters , I speak French curenly and i am trying to improve my english. **kenza**, 22, **#125635**

JUST DATING
I'm here for dating, as simple as that. Dating, a nice dinner, cup of coffee, me getting to know you & you me. maybe a second date, lets see how things go. **whatdreamsmaycome**, 32, **#125862**

FEISTY AFFECTIONATE MALEABLE
i love shoes,active and motivated guys, silly humor i don't like sticky price tags, feeling unappreciated, having people expect things from me based on my appearance. **abd_ads**, 27, **#125801**

IWANTCHEMISTRY
Rock-n-roll soul in search of another...I'm a kind, honest, loving, soul, that will not settle for less in a man I date or a friend ... **WantCHEMISTRY**, 42, **#125754**

SHARE SOMETHING BREATHTAKING
I'm shy but charming, passionate and silly. Hoping to find a gentleman with an eye for beauty in the not so obvious places..... Someone to explore, learn and grow with. **VictorianStar**, 34, **#125798**

SMARTASSES APPLY WITHIN
I like white boys with tattoos who are smartasses just like me! I enjoy music (psychobilly, rockability, alternative mainly) reading, movies, walking and just hanging out. **HNNYPOT**, 32, **#125667**

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SOCCER PLAYING DAD
Me: intelligent, funny, good looking, athletic, honest, outgoing You: same... easy enough? I play soccer, have 2 boys that live with most of the time... looking for easy going and patient friend. **rimorso**, 33, **#116188**

LOST IN AUSTIN
Educated, honest, emotionally secure, stable, loyal, smart, passionate, expressive and communicative, open and open-minded, friendly, witty, strong, responsible, goal-oriented, introspective, pragmatic, rational, romantic, music-lover, cute and cuddly, fun and free. **jason12345**, 38, **#126146**

TALL, INTERESTING, NICE
I'm an artist, very poetic, and if you really wanted me to, I could write you a song and sing it under your window at midnight. Hah, that sounded creepy. **Rolf**, 20, **#126144**

DESPERATELY SEEKING SHANNON!!!
I am seeking a tall girl named Shannon who was on the art walk last Saturday. You had on camouflaged shorts and a black top walking your dog. **radracer**, 39, **#126087**

COWBOYBOOTS AND SIDEBURNS
P/T college student, Musician, habitual exerciser. I like to cut up and have a good time over a few beers, play music w/friends,and travel. Friendly, but a little shy. **sideburns83**, 25, **#117145**

ALWAYS LATE
I am a local product who likes to go out and have a good time, but I can just as easily stay home, cook and watch a movie. **DaveATX**, 38, **#126117**

KEEP IT SIMPLE
Hello.I'm really looking for someone to start on ground zero and work our way up.Let's start a dialogue and go from there.Anyways....don't be shy,I can mingle and then ?? **Marcus561**, 34, **#126111**

LAID-BACK MUSICAL GUY
Tall, dorky guy seeking female with similar Geekiness. MC Chris, Adult Swim, Sense of humor, cook, artist. Glasses? Drinking buddies and conversationalist. Movies, live music, pool, bowling, getting lost... **actionjack**, 26, **#120685**

NERDY SHY GUY
My engagement ended and I'm a little gun shy about dating. I'm goofy, sing and dance when no one is around, and cook. Books and sci-fi are my favorite things. **utrocketman**, 25, **#126100**

HAPPY PERSON
I like to have fun enjoy life I'm always traveling I like and have horses one might say they are my releaseI'm looking for someone to enjoy life email me. **wopakee**, 44, **#126091**

MAGICAL, MYSTERIOUS DJINN
In a word Gemini. I have many faces and facets, from cook to gardener to fireman, to machinist. I'm a computer geek, lover extraordinaire;) Wiccan warrior and sexual mage. **SmokinD-jinn**, 37, **#126086**

MY BEST FRIEND.
Funny, smart, cute. Has a real job and goes to it. Loves his big dog and music. Honest. Says what he means. He laughs lots. deserves a good woman. **mattx900**, 29, **#126082**

MAGIC PARTNER
Looking for a lifetime partner to share adventures and travel. Scifi movies, Video games , and Roller coasters. Should be comfortable in front of a crowd. **BlueSaint**, 84, **#126078**

MAKE A MOVE
Smart athletic male looking for good conversation, intimacy, staying in and random dates. I'm up for anything if you are. **1stTimeOnline**, 22, **#126051**

READY FOR AUSTIN
Easy going, creative, fun and patient fella, looking to make some new friends and find a woman that can be honest, kind & has a good sense of humor. **Matteo**, 32, **#126070**=

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SOUTH-AUSTIN FRIENDLY GUY
Green thinker looking for laid back girl for fun in the sun. **domwest**, 29, **#126132**

GUY FROM KATHMANDU
What a man can do, a cat can't do? What a cat can do, a man can't do? But, here is a man from Kathmandu. **sakh1979**, 29, **#126071**

CHILL COLLEGE GUY
Hard working guy who likes to chill at home after work and watch tv or play video games. **wesd1984**, 23, **#126009**

FRENCH FOOD LOVER
Hello, my name is Alain and I am French. Down to earth, young at heart, witty guy with a love for arts, food and travel. Do you dance? Au revoir. **alaingb**, 55, **#126040**

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FIRST TIME NETAD
Not in my twenties but I have the maturity to be. Looking for fun 'cause I am too serious sometimes. Pretty bookish, but not in the 'nerd' way. Overall...pretty normal. **so_austin17**, 18, **#126121**

CUTE, SINGLE, HIGH.
I love going to shows around town, hitting up the springs, parks, camping, dancing, smoking herb. Im a chill chick looking for someone to have adventures with. **dess**, 19, **#126096**

FUN, OPENMINDED,KIND
I love life but have recently had very little time to enjoy it. That is going to change soon. I'm easy going, easy to get along with and easily entertained. **osteoyen**, 42, **#126002**

NOTGURL NEXTDOOR
I am new at this. **Jennacide**, 22, **#125983**

ONLY THREE WORDS?
dabbler in sports, writing, cooking, random acts of ridiculousness. skydiving is fun, but the rainbow cattle company scares the hell out of me. **wiggleeeyez**, 23, **#125943**

FREAK
I am looking for some one who is funny, respectful, honest,a freak in bed and over all that has time for me.I need some Mclovini'. **Amadora**, 23, **#125940**

CLASSYWANNABEROCKER
Average sized attractive, chill, smart, layed back, music loving femme seeking the same. I love trying new restaurants along with random concerts. Music is life, dreams are important. **toomanydreams**, 19, **#125888**

AFECTIONATE.....CARING..... CONSERDATE

I'm looking for friends for now...and who knows what may happen...my ideal mate would be someone who takes pride in appearance...takes care of themself both mentally and physically. Some one with the same characteristics as myself. **AHDIA**, 35, **#125849**

BOOTYLICIOUS, SMART, FUNNY
23/single mom. Looking for lovely lady. Enjoys hanging out, watching movies, sharing a nice meal. Laid back, open minded, pierced and tattooed Virgin that really loves Italian food. **KITTY-LOVESKITTY**, 23, **#125833**

PINK IS GOOD
I love to live,laugh,love.My family are my life.I'm a multifaseted gal,which means I can cook like Emeril, garden like Martha, party like a rock star, and love like no other. **Tster**, 26, **#125823**

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ECO FATHER SPONGE
I'm taking it as it comes, loving it all along the way. Taking deep breaths, screaming in Spanish when necessary. Wooing required. **jaysa**, 39, **#126135**

HONESTY SINCERITY SUBSTANCE
I am an established professional. It is time for me to put an effort into finding someone special and give the the same time I have given my career. **Sincerity01**, 41, **#126033**

WAKING DREAMS
Fun-loving fashionista wanting a laid-back and mature guy 20-30. I like coffee, karaoke, and the occasional friday night dancing. I'm sick of dreaming, can you live the dream with me? **Sketchandsew**, 22, **#125902**

NICE GUY
Simple guy that struggles against sameness,dark hearts.looking for that guy in light,bright smile,young in heart,romantic,and belives in being a equal in a relationship A+ for slender,smooth! lets chat. **aros1051**, 39, **#125820**

SINGLE.
Im a really cool & funny guy to be around with. Like to have fun, and going out dancing. I have been single for 2 months. Want to meet someone. **danyboy_09**, 18, **#125684**
WITH WOMEN'S HEART..
i like guys who are sincere and honest! **lifemind**, 27, **#125653**

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BE MINE.
I am looking for tall, dark (or light), and handsome for the limp-wrist set. **beloved, 37, ☎, #125648**

GAYBOY CODY
I am 23yrs old iam going to Cosmetology school i have wonderful friends i want a guy to win me over be hot charming and be nice and want me. **macattac2003, 23, ☎, #125639**

QUALITY GUY
Enjoy social functions, movies, theater, cooking, entertaining, more. Swim, workout, and walk my dog. Yes: Romance, charm, thoughtfulness, adventure. No: Drugs, heavy drinkers, smokers, insecurity, unsafe sex, closet cases, immaturity. **taurusbull86, 43, ☎, #125317**

SOBER GUY AUSTIN
I am a gwm, 60 years old, slender, 5'10", 140 lbs. I am a dog lover, avid reader, etc. HIV+ for 20 years, good health. Retired, easy-going, honest , communicative. **soberguy, 60, ☎, ☎, #125183**

ECOLOGICAL ACTION DIRTYLICIOUS
You: Tattooed and sleeveless lifting barrels fulla bottles and wiping sweat from your sweet face. Me: Admiring recycler who can't wait for some hot ecology action. **When: Monday, May 12. Where: Ecology Action. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902981**

PINK CARD PLAYER!
Saw you through the window playing cards with friends. Would've said hi but your poker face was too intimidating. You're still an "ace" in my book. Lets get together? **When: Thursday, May 8. Where: Posse East. You: Man. Me: Man. #902980**

LOOKING FOR VIVEROAZATECAS!
Looking for guy named viveroazatecas on sugardaddie.com? 31 years old, White, 5ft 9in, brown hair. Has a 100ft Scarab on Lake Travis. Still seeing if you are still single? **When: Friday, February 1. Where: on sugardaddie.com. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902978**

RALPHIE MAY SHOW!
You: button down multi-colored shirt over a white shirt, with your buddies. Me: brown shirt and jeans. First saw you upstairs waiting to get seated. Didn't say hi :(**When: Saturday, May 10. Where: Ralphie May show. You: Man. Me: Woman. ☎ #902977**

IRONMAN MOVIE 2SEATSOVER
I saw you with someone I assume was your son watching Ironman...legs up in your seat most of the movie. Blonde hair, 45ish. Me... tee-shirt, sunglasses hanging on shirt **When: Sunday, May 11. Where: Southland Meadows Theatre. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902976**

QT BARTENDER HOLEINTHEWALL2.0
i still think you're cute as hell. don't know if you are seeing someone. it was cool running into you again. also cool that we have a mutual friend. **When: Friday, May 9. Where: Emo's. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902971**

EL CHILITO HOTTIE!
You: pink dress, blue boots, big headphones, 5/9. We exchanged smiles. What were you listening to? Care to meet as friends to talk/swap music and drink some coffee?? **When: Thursday, May 8. Where: El Chilito. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902970**

STARBUXXZZZ ON 5TH
it was cute when you tumped over the plastic cup and began pouring my frapp on the counter and didnt realize it until your coworker pointed it out. crystal castles! **When: Tuesday, May 6. Where: starbucks, he was working! You: Man. Me: Woman. #902965**

JUST friends

PRETTY BIG DEAL.
I make people laugh and I'm a REAL good friend. It's hard for me to be-friend just anyone, however, those who are in my life can trust me. **Chi_guy, 21, ☎, #101276**

OUTGOING FUN
I am a friendly, outgoing, down to earth girl. I like to have fun and try new things and meet new people. Usually I am up for anything at least once!! **babygirlintx, 26, ☎, #125890**

I'M BORED
Sorry no picture, I'm normally shy but if you want to get to know me, email me and we can see how things will go from there. See you later. **OhSoDelicious, 21, ☎, #125803**

ATOMIC TATTOO
You - "shorty" - open star tattoo Me - "Cuba" - bored with friends Want to hang out sometime?? **When: Friday, May 9. Where: Atomic Tatoo. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902974**

WHAT HAPPENS IN Vegas. Saw you at the movie Friday afternoon. I liked your laugh. Wanna check out some other cheesy rom-com and laugh? **When: Friday, May 9. Where: Alamo Drafthouse. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902973**

POLVOS WAITER
You work at Polvos and were wearing a bright orange shirt and a hat. I was there Thurs night in a black top. You look wonderful. You made me smile. **When: Thursday, May 8. Where: Polvos. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902972**

GONE FISHING?
Fishing on dock by Mozarts. I was out with some friends and you, blonde shirtless with a friend, caught my eye. I waved, you waved back. Coffee sometime? **When: Sunday, May 4. Where: fishing near Hula Hut/Mozarts docks. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902969**

TATTOOED SIDEBURNS @ HEB(HANCOCK)
Checking you out while you checked out. I couldnt help but stare. You: Tats, brown pants,BDU hat. Me: Brown, Red and Blonde hair, Blue shirt Damn i hope you see this. **When: Thursday, May 8. Where: HEB Hancock. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902968**

LOOKING FOR JEFF!
Me: Michelle, Female, 37, 5'1" You: Jeff, Male, 42, About 5'5". Us: Met at Raggedy Ann's on Wells Branch Pkwy Friday, May 2. Love to get to know you better. **When: Friday, May 2. Where: Raggedy Ann's on Wells Branch Pkwy.. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902967**

PAPI SABROSO
wearing white looking deep into my eyes. Me:the brown mami laughing hypnotized. i have a thing for you. Call me. **When: Saturday, April 5. Where: conallys bar. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902966**

JAIME - KEYBAR
post brett dennon. You locked up yer bicycle and bought me a shot. no more boyfriend...let's have some fun, **When: Friday, May 9. Where: 6th & rio grande. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902975**

SHINER GASP
Emily and Kim. We talked about riding together before you move. You called my cell to pass your #, but my phone was out of range. Call again! **When: Saturday, May 3. Where: Shiner. You: Woman. Me: Man. ☎ #902958**

NO MORE WORDS
Communication is a curse. Love is a verb. Everybody relax, you do it to yourself. Let's talk about weird stuff and laugh. **awkwardwordTime, 22, ☎, #125886**

JUST READ IT
Hey! Fun guy, into sports. Sarcastic and funny....Sometimes! Love to laugh and make you people laugh. Guy every girl dreams bout but not ready for. 24 SWM. D/D Free. **baseballguy12, 24, ☎, #125727**

LAUGHING, EXPLORING, MUSIC
I like the sun, live music, laughing until I almost pee,& my kids. I'm new to Austin and looking for cool ass girls and maybe guys for friendship. **kdbus, 27, ☎, #125662**

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ST EGO: YOU truly have answered all my prayers. I LOVE you. ~Sweets

DESPERATELY SEEKING SHANNON!!!
You were walking your dog in came shorts with black top with your friend in a pink top. I'd like to fly you to Dallas to have dinner with me. **When: Saturday, May 3. Where: Art Fest on 6th street Saturday.. You: Woman. Me: Man. ☎ #902963**

BLONDEFLOWERED DRESS BELMONT
You with son and his friends Friday night at Belmont. You drinking coffee at bar. I know what it's like to stay up with kids! Lets meet earlier some evening. **When: Friday, May 2. Where: Belmont. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902962**

VULCAN VIDEO BLOND
You had 6 movies at Vulcan on Congress, green skirt black top blond hair. Eye contact,bright smile.I'm Tall with Tattoos White shirt,blue genes looking at Employee picks. Movie and dinner? **When: Wednesday, April 16. Where: Vulcan Video. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902961**

BANDANA BAMMA LAMMA
me, blonde girl with yellow banadana. you, brown haired boy, red bandana and nose ring. wanted to talk to you all night. i'm always there. hope to see you again. **When: Friday, May 2. Where: Creekside Lounge Red River and 7th. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902960**

AUSTIN TARGET GROCERY
Almost pushed you out with my cart while you were paying. You: beautiful with dark auburn hair and camouflage shorts. I'll pay for your response here and lunch or dinner! **When: Sunday, May 4. Where: South Park Meadows Target Grocery. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902959**

ZEPPELIN LONG CENTER
You, front row, short dark hair with color. Me, on your right, two seats over. Loved watching you more than the show. Contact me please. **When: Sunday, May 4. Where: The Long Center. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902956**

LUCHE LIBRE RIVERSIDE
You: Gorgeous! Giggly, big nosed, green eyed, Keep Austin Weird Girl. Me:Luchedro A.K.A El Lobo Loco. Wanna Fight? If I lose I will reveal my Identity to you. **When: Sunday, May 4. Where: East Riverside. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902955**

CURLY HAired KATIEG
From NJ, we met in 05. Saw you at HEB. Remembered me? I'll make all your dreams come true, run away with me? First stop Philly. **When: Sunday, April 27. Where: HEB Far West. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902954**

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HOW DO I let go of an emotion that I've never truly known before? How do I forget eyes that are unforgettable, and a smile just so incredible? I've traveled so many miles looking for an answer. Only to find that road has no end. Now it's time to rebuild the walls, as I forever put down my pen. Thankful I was able to meet someone as special as you. Even though my greatest fear has been realized, that I'll never see you ever again. I'll miss you forever. Love Keith

BEAUTY AT EXXON
You, blond beauty wearing a mini skirt, entering Exxon/McDonald's, Parmar & McNeil, Friday evening. My son held the door for you! Dinner? You are stunning! Me: Tall, shaved, BM. **When: Friday, May 2. Where: Exxon, Parmar & McNeil. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902953**

LA MADELEINE GLANCINGS
You: Hot, handsome, dark hair, art photography book. Me: Shaved head, blue eyes, tall, JoeCool t-shirt. We exchanged knowing glances. I was with family and couldn't get away. Let's meet! **When: Saturday, May 3. Where: La Madeleine on Brodie. You: Man. Me: Man. #902952**

THURSDAYS, 50'CLOCK, SANJAC&26TH
so i (blonde, big aviators) saw you (BLUE jeans, black&white tshirt, gorgeous hispanic?) walking at said time/ intersection on 4/17 & 4/24, missed you on 5/1. dearest, you make my week. **When: Thursday, April 24. Where: around SanJac and DeanKeeton. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902951**

STARBUCKS GIRL PIGTAILS
Starbucks/dell hospital, pigtails and smile won me over. talked to me this morning friday 5/2 about the huge bag of coffee. Single? want to get a cup of coffee? Kidding. **When: Friday, May 2. Where: starbucks. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902950**

EEYORES B-DAY SAT
You are beautiful- You: about 5'5, 120-130, short messy dark hair with blonde highlights, wearing long dark shorts, open toe shoes. Woud love to meet you. **When: Saturday, April 26. Where: Eeyores B-day party. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902949**

BOULDIN CREEK ENCOUNTER
You: Brown skinned lady, tattoo on back of elbow (new?). Me: Shaggy headed brown guy with nothing to say, wanting some hot coffee. Coffee wasn't hot but you were! Drinks? **When: Wednesday, April 30. Where: Bouldin Creek Cafe. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902944**

BRUNETTE ARBORIST CUATROS
you: beautiful brunette schlepping tree limbs behind cuatros me: in paint splattered cameo pants **When: Tuesday, April 29. Where: cuatros. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902942**

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TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): The daytime-TV soap opera *The Young and the Restless* has been the most highly rated show in its time slot for more than a thousand consecutive weeks. First appearing in 1973, the show ascended to the top slot in 1988 and has never slipped since. I'm happy to announce that in 2008 you have the potential to begin a comparable run of success, Taurus. Whether you're able to cash in on that potential may depend on the preparations you make in the coming weeks.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): "Pain is weakness leaving the body," says fitness trainer Mark Duval. If that's true, you have gotten a lot stronger in recent weeks. By my astrological reckoning, you've shed a few months' worth of emotional distress, you've purged a few years' worth of frustration, and you've exorcised a couple of lifetimes' worth of confused dreams. Congratulations on all the new vitality you've earned through your constructive losses.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): As part of the arrangement your soul entered into before you were born, you were given the mission to accomplish five specific miracles. Three of these you have not yet even guessed the nature of. Why? For one thing, none of your elders or teachers ever named them for you while you were growing up. Secondly, you have been overly timid about imagining what you're capable of. That's the bad news, Cancerian. The good news is that you're very close to the mystery spot where one of those undiscovered dreams has been moldering.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): "The maxim for any love affair," wrote Charles Williams, "is 'Play and pray, but do not pray when you are playing and do not play when you are praying.' We cannot yet manage such simultaneities." I strongly disagree with Williams, especially in regards to your destiny in the coming weeks. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you can and should play while you pray and pray while you play. In fact, I recommend that you blend reverence and irreverence in every way you can imagine. Explore the revolutionary concept of sacred fun.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): Seems you're pushing to learn all you can from places and ideas you barely even knew existed a few months ago. Your experiments continue to provide such valuable lessons that you'd rather not wrap them up yet. That's fine. No rush. Take your time. We here at the grind will welcome you back any time you're ready. We completely understand if you want to stay out there on a limb until you're absolutely sure that the butterfly won't have any reason to try changing back into a caterpillar.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): "Dear Rob: I've been a Libra all my life, and I'm always puzzled by those who say that Libras have trouble making decisions. My experience of the Libra approach to life is that we are connoisseurs of completeness. We work hard to be considerate of other people's viewpoints. We strive to include all the applicable information in our deliberations, even if it's at odds with our personal perspective. Now it's true that urgency and speed are the cultural norms. 'If it can't happen immediately, I'm not interested in it' is an approach that has infected the majority. In that light, Libras may seem wishy-washy and hesitant. But in fact, we're actually thoughtful and judicious. Please help correct the bad stereotype about us. - Discerning Libra." Dear Discerning: You make excellent points. I will pass them on to my Libra readers because it's crucial that in the days ahead they avoid being misinterpreted in the way you described.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): A journalist visiting the home of Nobel Prize-winning physicist Niels Bohr was surprised to see a horseshoe nailed to the wall. "Can it be that you, of all people, believe a horseshoe will bring you good luck?" he asked. "Of course not," Bohr replied, "but I understand it brings you luck whether you believe it or not." I suggest you adopt the physicist's mindset in the coming week, Scorpio. Without dumbing down your powers of logic, be open to the possibility that you will benefit from forces that are beyond your imagining or unaccounted for by your belief system. (Source: *Living Biographies of Great Scientists*, by Henry & Dana Lee Thomas.)

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): In his folk song "Farewell to the Gold," Nic Jones tells the story of a failed gold prospector. After two years of finding no more than a few flecks of the precious metal, the unlucky man is giving up his search. "Farewell to the gold/that never I found," he sings. "Goodbye to the nuggets/that somewhere abound./For it's only when dreaming/that I see them gleaming/down in the dark deep underground." If I'm reading the omens correctly, Sagittarius, it's time for you, too, to say goodbye to a quest that hasn't panned out. Yet, it'll be sad. But here's the happy ending: Within a month of the time you surrender, you'll be led to a better quest with more chance of success.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): During your entire life, you have maybe never been as free as you are now from the need to be rescued by some savior. You don't need anyone to rescue you from your own dark fantasies because, at least for the moment, your bright fantasies have rendered them obsolete. You don't need anyone to liberate you from oppression or enslavement, because you are fully empowered to do the job yourself. You don't even need anyone to deliver you from evil, since your recent hard work has made evil allergic to you.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): The complexity of your current astrological aspects almost overwhelmed me. I couldn't see how to compose a meaningful oracle in the face of such rich and confounding prospects. I was stumped. Then, as my deadline approached, the unthinkable happened: I decided to goof off. Fleeting my office, I wandered down to the beach, where I strolled aimlessly and emptied my mind. At one point, I spied a fortune cookie perched absurdly on top of a fence post. The moment I broke it open and read the fortune inside, I knew I'd found the perfect message for you. It said, "If you have a difficult task, give it to a lazy man. He will find an easier way to do it."

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): In their lust to prove there's no God, atheists often invoke the existence of suffering. "What kind of deity," one asked me, "allows a child in Darfur to starve to death after seeing soldiers kill his mommy?" While I don't claim to have the authoritative answer to that accusation, I think it's worthwhile to consider the possibility that suffering is a gift God gives us in order to prod our evolution. On a personal level, your longing to escape your suffering is a primal force in making you smarter. On a collective level, nothing refines and ennobles us more than our passion to keep others from suffering. For every dead child in Darfur, 100 people in other places on the planet have responded with a radical commitment to create a world in which future Darfurs won't happen. These are worthy ideas for you to meditate on in the coming weeks. You will have a tremendous capacity to convert your old wounds, as well as the old wounds of others, into brilliant opportunities.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): I hope you've been trying to bolster your stick-to-itiveness, Aries. I trust you've been pumping up your follow-through and super-charging your determination. If you haven't been attending to this unglamorous yet heroic work, play catch-up. Your final exam will be administered no later than May 24. Here's a sneak preview of some of the material you'll be tested on. If a teammate drops the ball, do you: a) quit the game, b) throw the ball in your teammate's face, or c) pick up the ball and start running in the direction your teammate was supposed to?

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